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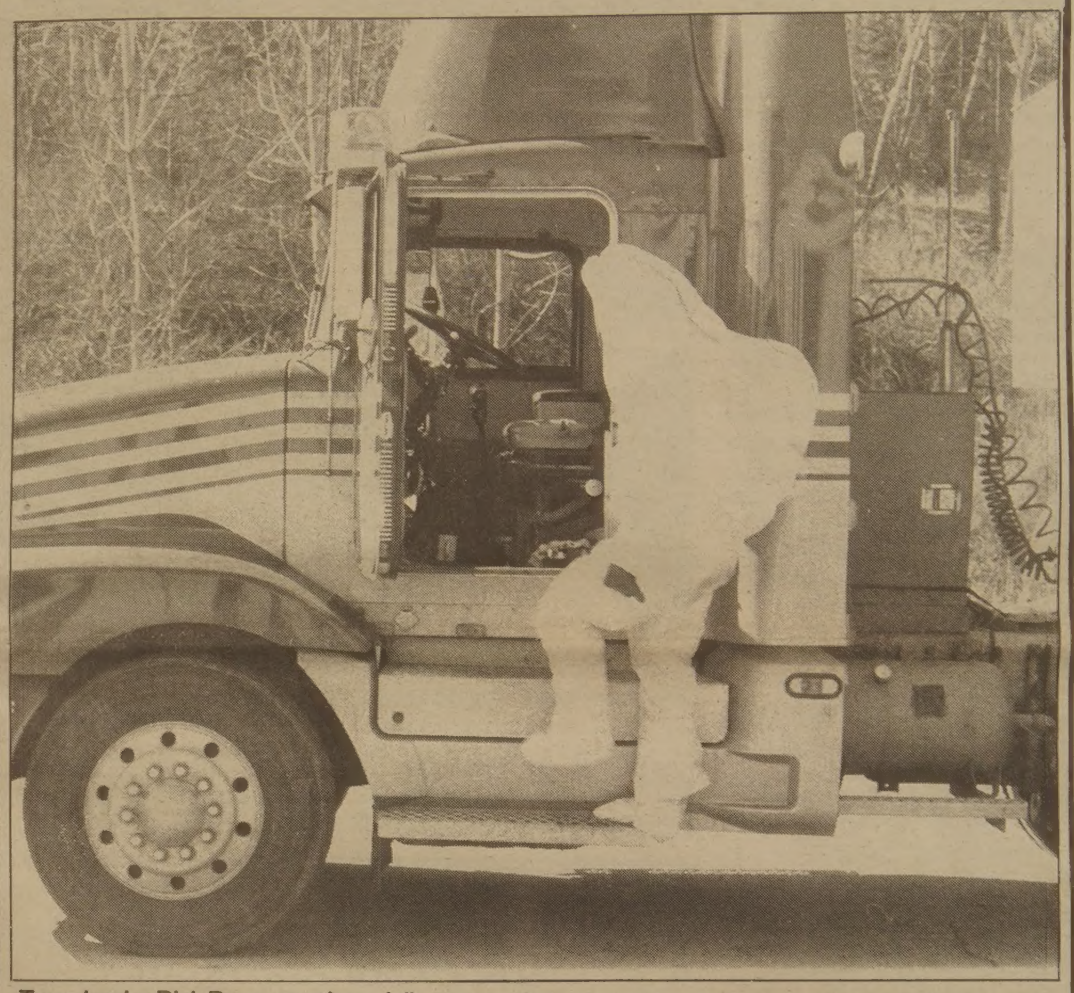

Team leader Rick Brow, sporting a fully encapsulating Level A suit, is seen entering PHILIP's environmental emergency response unit.

Photo by Victor Zaniewski

Usually verbose VP silent

By SARAH MURRELL
Staff Writer

David Schleich is moving up and moving out.

Schleich, vice-president, academic at Niagara College, has resigned and accepted the position of president with the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in Etobicoke.

Schleich left the college at the end of February at which time Hans van der Slagt, vice-president, administration, took over the position until a replacement is found.

Schleich replaced Tony Knowles as vice-president, academic, in February of 1991. Schleich came to Niagara from St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ont., where he taught communications and English for eight years.

Schleich, 48, has degrees from the University of Alberta, the University of Western Ontario in London, and Queen's University in Kingston.

Dan Patterson, president of Niagara College, would not comment on the reason Schleich is leaving the college, but said "An opportunity became available outside the region. He went for it and got it. I wish him all the best."

"There is only one reason to be a vice-president and that is to become president, either here or somewhere else. It's a natural progression," said Dave Robinson, co-ordinator of the post-diploma Interactive Multimedia program.

"When you get a new president, VPs tend to run in all directions, especially when they don't get the job," said Robinson.

Schleich was unavailable for comment.

Patterson and his wife, Saundra, held a dinner for Schleich on Feb. 22, at their home. "David's worked hard and well for Niagara College over the last five years," said Patterson.

"I've enjoyed working with him. He's been very supportive of things I wanted to do personally and in education. He's an excellent vice-president. I'm going to miss him," said Robinson.

"This is an opportunity to bring in someone to be a team leader and build in the academic area," said Patterson.

Niagara wins gold

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

Niagara College students Cindy Emery and Christine Audit recently struck gold in British Columbia.

The pair won gold at the Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA) national badminton championship held at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, B.C.

Besides being college students, the two are members of the Port Colborne badminton club, representing Team Ontario. They defeated Team Alberta in the championship match.

"I am ecstatic with the win," said Emery. "It meant a lot to win for the college, and to represent Ontario at the national level."

She and Audit "blew away the competition," she said.

Niagara College's badminton competitors, left, Christine Audit and Cindy Emery won the National Badminton Championship March 9.

Photo by Jason Chase

The women were perfect at the CCAA badminton championships held from March 6 to 9, going undefeated in the four-team round robin tournament.

In the semi-finals, the Niagara team beat the host team from British Columbia 17-4 and 15-7. In the gold medal match, the Niagara team beat the team from Alberta 15-9 and 15-3.

'We both played well and both of us topped off our playing levels," said Emery.

Emery, a second-year Recreation Leadership program student, and Audit, a General Arts program student, will be back next year.

Emery said they are looking forward to playing and hopefully representing Niagara College at the nationals, which will be held in Ontario.

"I am so happy that I won, and to be ranked No. 1 in Canada will send a message to the other teams next year not to mess with the women's badminton team from Niagara," said Audit.

Team Ontario finished third overall in the national standings with a record of 11 wins and nine losses.

ON CAMPUS

Sex lady talks to educate Niagara College

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

The sex lady was welcomed by the nervous laughs and snickers of about 50 students when she came to speak at Niagara College in Welland on March 7.

Sue Johanson, the renowned sex-pert who hosts The Sunday Night Sex Show on AM 640 Talk Radio in Toronto, got involved with the "sex trade" when she "started the first birth control centre for teens in the health room of a high school in 1970."

There is "a world of difference" in maturity levels between high school and college students, said Johanson.

"When you're treated like adults, you start acting like adults," she said.

"If you have good adult information, then you will respond and react responsibly."

Johanson said she speaks to students about "four days a week."

She also teaches some evening classes for parents, particularly in "smaller communities where they don't know me, think I've got two heads, or think I'm advocating indiscriminate sex."

"Parents are really scared. They want us (sex educators) to emphasize 'say no.'" said Johanson.

"Parents have been saying no to their kids for 15 to 20 years. What I want to do is give information to the kids and then let them decide no.

"It has to be the kids' decision, not mine or their parents," said Johanson.

"If parents had their way, kids wouldn't have sex until they were 35 years old and married for 10 years.

"So many kids get into so much trouble with diseases and early pregnancy because they are not taught," she said.

When young people ask her if they should wait until they are married to have intercourse, Johanson said she tells them, "You must decide what you should do, because what's right for me may not be right for you.

"And then I would say 'Here are some things I want you to think about. Can you talk about sex? Can you talk about birth control? Can you tell your partner what you like and what you don't like? Are you comfortable with your body? Can you talk about diseases? Can you talk about your fears? How are you going to feel if your parents find out?'

"I've never yet met parents who cheered when they found out their kids had sex," said Johanson, who teaches about 80,000 people a year.

At the end of her hour-long lecture, Johanson answered questions submitted to her anonymously on Dear Sue question cards. The students' questions touched on yeast infections, chlamydia, G-spots and oral sex.

"We use Dear Sue question cards, because I know no guy is going to put up his hand and ask about his low sex drive, premature ejaculation, or little penis. And no female is going to tell about a sexual experience she's had, or that her boyfriend wants to have a threesome."

By making it possible for people to ask questions anonymously "they can ask anything and everything."

Johanson said language is "not a problem for her.

"I work in prisons, so nothing will bother me after working with guys in the slammer."

Johanson volunteers at a number of prisons and detention centres in Southern Ontario and the Kingston area.

Compared to her high school and college lectures, which focus on safer sex practices, healthy relationships and building self-esteem, the presentations to the prisoners "have to be geared back a little bit."

"Most of these guys quit school in Grade 8 or 9," said Johanson.

"I talk to them a little bit more about diseases, and a little bit more about understanding women.

"I trained for a nurse at St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, Man.," said Johanson.

Over a period of four years (1970 to 1974), she said she also took courses at the University of Michigan, University of Florida, University of Syracuse, University of Toronto, University of Massachusetts and the Toronto Institute of Human Relations.

Canada's number one sex expert, Sue Johanson, lectured at Niagara College earlier this month.
Photo by Stephanie Turton

Three new members for board

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

The results are in—the Niagara College Board of Governors has three new internal members.

The board held the election for an administrative member and a support staff member on March 4, 5, and 6. The votes were tallied March 7.

Jon Ogryzlo, from Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness won the administrative membership, beating out Donna Cunningham, from Nursing Studies and the Foundation Studies Division, and Marti Jurmain from New Product Development. Thirty-nine ballots were cast for the administrative position.

Joan Warbis from the Access Division won the Support Staff representative position. She beat out Uta Haley from Information and Computer Technology and Carolyn Hurst from Student Life and Success. Sixty-six ballots were cast for the support staff position.

Melody Mayville, a first-year Legal Assistant program student, was acclaimed the student representative to the board. Mayville is currently vice-president external for Student Administrative Council (SAC). No other students submitted nominations.

The Board of Governors is responsible for establishing the college's purpose, direction and policies, ensuring effective and efficient management, and promoting effective communication within the college community.

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ON CAMPUS

Niagara students take part in 'culinary symphony'

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

On March 1, Niagara College students volunteered to be part of a "culinary symphony" at Cuvée 1996.

Cuvée is "the biggest wine show in Canada," said Patrick Hogan, corporate chef and manager of the food and beverage services department at the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. The show hosted 600 people at the Queen's Landing Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Grey Gables School, a private montessori school in St. Catharines, presented the show which featured wines from 25 Ontario wineries.

With the finest wines you need the finest foods. Six chefs from the region were featured, including Hogan from Niagara College. Other chefs included: Stephen Treadwell from Queen's Landing Inn; Michael Olsen from On The Twenty restaurant in Jordan; Mark Walpole from Breakers Waterfront Restaurant in Jordan; Ralf Bretzigheimer from the Pillar and Post Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake and, Eric Peacock from the Wellington Court Cafe in St. Catharines. Student volunteers from the college assisted all the chefs in food preparation and serving the food at the Cuvée.

"It's really good exposure," said Hogan referring to the students who helped him and the other chefs. "Many students have gotten positions throughout Cuvée."

"I've learned a lot," said Philip Marinucci, a second-year Culinary Skills program student. He worked with Chef Treadwell in preparing food for the guests. The students worked for three days prior to the big event to prepare the food.

"Gets them out of school," said Treadwell, so the students can gain work experience.

The students learn "basic preparation" and learn what it is like to work with different chefs, said Amy Tipton Johnson, a second-year Culinary Skills program student.

How the student performs will be examined. "It is like applying for a job," said Walpole. It also gives the students the opportunity to see something they normally wouldn't.

Serving guests at Cuvée is a different way to present food than in a restaurant. This gives the students a chance to "see how an event like this is organized," said Bretzigheimer.

"They're (featured chefs) very open," said Andrea Haring, a first-year Culinary Skills program student.

"Pat Hogan was an unbelievable asset," said Paul Speck, president of Henry of Pelham wineries and Cuvée board member. "Couldn't have pulled it off without help from the students."

The menu, prepared and featured by Hogan and the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre, included: stuffed capon with a roasted garlic and goat cheese sauce; wild mushroom ragout with pumpernickel crustade; duck rillet with pepper and plum relish and roasted pepper bisque with zucchini relish.

"It's my first time (at Cuvée) and I'm having a great time," said Marlene Seinen, a first-year Baker's Skills program student. The general consensus of the student volunteers was they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The big winner this year (other than the students) out of the wineries was Chateau des Charmes in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The winery won best general list white wine for their *Estate Chardonnay 1994*, best white wine for their *Paul Boc Estates Chardonnay 1994*, best sparkling wine for their *Chateau des Charmes Brut*.

Other winners include Marynissen Estates also in Niagara-on-the-Lake, for their *Cabernet Franc 1994* , the best red wine. Henry of Pelham's, in St. Catharines, *Baco Noir 1994* won best general list red wine. D'Angelo Wineries', in Amherstburg, *D'Angelo Vidal Icewine 1994* won the best dessert wine.

Philip Marinucci and Jonathan Woods, volunteers from Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, are preparing a dessert to be served at Cuvée 1996.

Photo by John Roussel

Fitness to Wellness class planting seeds for change

By PAULINE POSTILL
Staff Writer

Fitness to Wellness classes are open to students who are concerned about health issues.

The classes are offered at Niagara College at the Welland campus as a general education elective.

"These classes were originally offered as a general elective for Recreation and Leadership program students.

"I redesigned this class so that it could be available for all students," said Virginia Roberts-Hannah, a teacher at Niagara College who teaches this class to about 170 students.

"My main purpose in designing these classes is to expose students to creative ideas in lifestyle change which will hopefully lead to high level wellness."

"I teach the course as a realistic approach to wellness that includes the six dimensions of wellness," she said. The six dimensions of wellness are social, environmental, emotional, psychological, spiritual and mental.

"A major component in these classes is when the community practitioners come to demonstrate techniques to our students in such areas as massage therapy, reflexology, yoga, hyponotherapy, Tai Chi, autogenic training, meditation, imagery as well as Dance Fit and aerobics."

The aspects of physical fitness, nutritional awareness and the importance of healthy relationships are integrated.

Students are required to critique an article related to wellness, to design a lifestyle plan with short- and long-term goals using the six dimensions of wellness, to write reaction papers on various demonstrations and to complete a major group project.

"I teach what I live. Wellness is more than the absence of disease. It's a balance in all six dimensions of our lives."

"I think in these classes the students can learn about planting seeds for change, and I think it's important if the seed starts to grow," added Roberts-Hannah.

International Day coming to college

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

The Niagara Falls Hospitality and Tourism Centre will be hosting its first International Day on March 28.

Held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the event will feature displays by students from Japan, Korea and different parts of Taiwan, said Bruce McNiven, a professor in the Hospitality-Tourism program and one of the three co-ordinators of the event, along with Jos Nolle, international operations manager, and Sean Coote, international student adviser.

Displays will include samples of traditional cuisine, displays of clothing and wedding pictures to show traditional dress, examples of how names are written in different languages, origami paper folding, traditional music, and a video on sand painting. Martial arts and t'ai chi demonstrations will also be performed.

Students will be available to answer questions on traditional education, food and culture.

McNiven said the main purpose of the event is to "create some excitement" and generate school spirit. "For us this is a first attempt, a starting process, not an end result."

If this International Day is successful, McNiven said he plans to have another in October. He said he hopes to have more countries involved at the next one, adding September may bring in a whole different mix of backgrounds in first-year students.

For more information, contact McNiven at ext. 3615.

Students take sobriety challenge for charity

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

Cheers to the six students of the Human Relations program who will send $300 to the Homewood Foundation in Guelph.

A sobriety challenge, which lasted a week from Monday, Feb. 19 to Monday, Feb. 26, was completed by about 20 students.

Human Relations students Kelly Custance, Lena Spence, Natalie Roy, Kelly Lampman and Marianne Weaver tallied the pledges on Monday, March 4. Absent was Jasmin Dingillo.

Jennifer Mitchell, a second-year Journalism Print program student, raised the most money ($50) and received a $50 voucher to the Niagara College campus store.

Eric Paradis, Electrical Engineering and Technician program student, raised $40 and received a food and beverage (but no alcoholic drinks) voucher to Gord's and Shooters, 84 James St., St. Catharines.

The organizers will send the money to Dinnie Baker, Homewood Foundation's development officer by Friday, March 8.

EDITORIAL

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Silent frustration

There is a thing that all editors hate.

It could be a word on the tip of their tongue or just an empty vacuum where thoughts and ideas used to swirl freely. It burns at their brains and jabs at their patience. It's writers' block.

It's a lethal malady which haunts and taunts editors. It taunts even now, seated in this chair staring at the cursor flashing like a morbid metronome counting off seconds and minutes until deadline. One can find this very bothersome to the thought process.

On the computer; words, phrases and ideas are quickly typed only to experience a short-lived life before being wiped out by a quick stroke of the mouse and a disgruntled editor.

There is no known cure for such a vicious thing, no way to prevent it and no quick way to defeat it. Like the saying goes Time conquers all. Unfortunately, one may not have a lot to spare.

LEE-ANN AYRES

OPSEU not to blame

For almost four weeks, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) has been on strike and everything that has gone wrong in the province since is their fault.

At least that is the impression the media and the Mike Harris government is trying to convey.

The truth is that although the strike is an inconvenience to most and a real pain in the butt for some, car accidents and prison deaths are not the fault of striking workers.

In the first week of the strike we were hit by a snow storm. The headlines reported that striking workers may have caused several car accidents because sanders were not sent out in time. If that is the case, who caused all the car accidents that have happened every other winter when there was no strike?

On March 17, the 11 p.m. news reported a prisoner in a Toronto jail was found hanging in his cell and that striking OPSEU workers could be to blame because there are not enough guards to watch prisoners.

The truth is bad things happen in prison and although guards try to protect prisoners, it is not always possible. The prisoner who hanged himself did just that, hanged himself. OPSEU is not to blame.

Some may not agree with the strike or even with the Harris government, but we can't turn striking workers into scapegoats for all that goes wrong in Ontario.

SARAH MURRELL

Some realistic suggestions

Dear Editor:

While I understand OPSEU Local 242's concerns, College Council is needed now more than ever.

With all the cuts to education coming from the federal and provincial governments, President Dan Patterson would only benefit from realistic suggestions from students, instructors, support staff and administration.

An open line of communication amongst all these groups is badly needed. It worries me that Sherri Rosen doesn't seem to see this as a top priority.

I freely admit that some past College Council meetings have been a farce, but we must try again.

There is willingness from SAC and Patterson but Rosen finds it a "waste of time."

If only for the students OPSEU should be participating. SAC is a good vehicle for representing students, but College Council could be an even better vehicle.

I commend Rosen for her fight and effort on behalf of her members, but urge her to remember the students. If not for the students, her members wouldn't be here. If not for students and faculty, support staff and administration wouldn't be needed.

All groups represented on College Council are dependent upon one another. Let's restart the process of communication.

Willy Noiles, student
Public Relations
(Post-diploma) program

Letter to the Editor

Taking action

An Open Letter to the Editor
For Student Newspapers
at Ontario Colleges and Universities

Dear Editor:

The changes in provincial funding to post-secondary education have received a great deal of public attention recently.

Some of the media coverage may not have been clear about the reasons for these new directions. I am writing today to clarify where there may be misunderstanding and explain why the government is taking the actions it is at this time.

Making changes like these is never easy, but I believe our direction will lead us to a more promising future for all Ontarians, especially the students of Ontario.

As you are probably aware, Ernie Eves, the Minister of Finance, announced last November that funding for operating grants for colleges and universities would be reduced by $400 million in 1996-97.

Universities will receive $1.5 billion for the fiscal year 1996-97, a reduction of $280 million over last year, and colleges will receive $689 million, a reduction of $120 million over last year. In total, taxpayers spend $2.2 billion a year on post-secondary education and this does not include capital expenditures.

At the same time, Mr. Eves announced that universities will be allowed to increase tuition by 10 per cent next fall, and may charge an additional 10 per cent in total, for all programs, at their discretion. The finance minister also announced that college fees would be increased by 15 per cent.

We are doing this because, as a government, we believe that we must not only prepare young people for the future, we must prepare the future for young people.

If we do not act now, the Ontario government's debt will be unmanageable by the time many of you have graduated, and are working and paying taxes. That will mean that even more of your tax dollars will go towards paying the interest on the debt, alone.

Some of the public services that you now have the privilege to enjoy — in areas such as health care, education, roads, and municipal services — will no longer be affordable in this province. We currently spend more to service our debt than we spend in total on education.

So we're taking action now to restore the economic health of the province.

Even with these increases in tuition fees, Ontario students will still pay only a portion of the total cost for their education. University students, for example, paid about 26 per cent of the total cost of their education in 1995-96. Taxpayers cover most of the remaining cost.

College students paid about 19 per cent of the total cost of their education in 1995-96, with taxes paying for most of the remaining amount. During our election campaign last spring, we promised to deregulate tuition fees so that students could pay a fairer share of their education. While no one likes to see increases, we do need to bear in mind that there is a long history showing that people who have post-secondary education earn more money than those who do not.

Our government remains committed to supporting post-secondary education to the best of its current abilities and resources. We are, in collaboration with the federal government, looking into changes to student assistance to ensure that post-secondary education remains accessible to everyone who is qualified to attend an institution.

Shortly, I will be releasing a discussion paper to everyone involved in post-secondary education so that we can all engage in a focused dialogue on key directions and policies the government might pursue with respect to the post-secondary education sector. This paper will raise issues, such as the share of the costs of education borne by student and taxpayer, accessibility to education, and co-operation between college and university sectors.

The paper is meant to stimulate and encourage discussion, and will serve as the basis for further consultations expected to last from four to six months. Afterwards, advice will provided to the government by the panel undertaking the review.

I am looking forward to having all partners in post-secondary education involved in this process, and especially students.

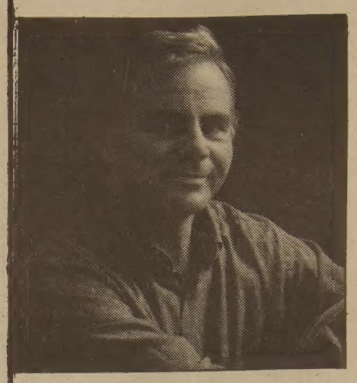
I realize that the years ahead will be challenging to many of us as we search for new and better ways of funding the post-secondary system. As well, many other policy reform issues will need to be critically assessed in our consultation process.

Our work must result in a more affordable and accountable system which is driven by excellence. I am also certain that the changes we are making are necessary and will build a province that is stronger economically, and where you, as citizens, will be able to meet your needs and realize your dreams.

Sincerely
John C. Snobelen
Minister of Education and Training

OPINIONS

Student obstructed



WILL WEBSTER

Much ado has been made about Niagara College becoming a "learner-based" institution.

From what I understand, "learner-based" means students will take a greater part in the educating and educators will take a greater part in the learning.

Not if the faculty association has its way.

Prior to my arrival at Niagara College two years ago, I developed some skills with computers and desktop-publishing programs. To reinforce these skills I completed a Desktop Publishing course here at the college. I passed that course with a mark in the 90s.

Being the only student in my program, at the time, with these skills, I offered to share them with my classmates. My proposal was to gather the interested students for a "hands-on" demonstration workshop.

I was told that such a workshop would "violate the collective agreement," faculty has with the college. We have to be very careful of this sort of thing, the faculty member said.

Some of my fellow students joined me in a session but the activity was not encouraged.

I also approached the instructor of a Pagemaker program-based course about registering in his class. He questioned my knowledge of the Pagemaker program.

When he found out that I own a Pagemaker program and have worked with it, he discouraged me from joining the class. This faculty member told me that he didn't really want anyone in the class with a working knowledge of the program because it would be a "distraction". I argued briefly that I could provide assistance or tutoring but he was resolute. He didn't want anyone getting ahead of the class.

In both these situations I offered my services free of charge with a mind to expanding my own knowledge. In both incidents faculty resisted.

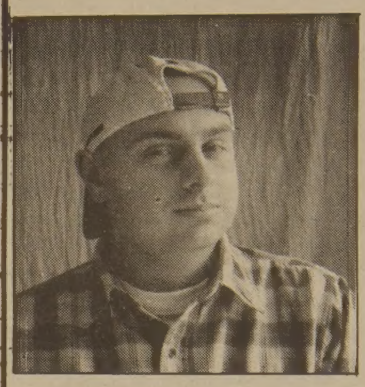
If the term "learner-based" is to become more than just a catch phrase, a tool for the college's public relations department, then there must be compromise.

If Niagara College is to truly become a "learner -based" institution, then students must be encouraged and enabled to contribute with whatever resources and skills they may possess.

Right now, all "learner-based" means is; you can pay your money and once you do, faculty and administration will decide how it is going to be.

My four years experience as a working journalist did not preclude me from paying the tuition and entering the Journalism-Print program. My student status should not preclude me from sharing my knowledge.

Harris not so bad



VICTOR ZANIEWSKI

A recent 26 hour drive through the United States afforded me the opportunity to tap into the leaky faucet of failures in a democratic society.

My thirst for predicted destination was unquenched by the lengthy process of arriving. Kind of like the Ontario provincial government of Premier Mike Harris and its promises.

This leftist assault on Harris, who is described in some circles as the demagogical Hitler, is greatly undeserved. Whether you find common sense in Harris' revolution or not, admittedly the Premier shares no common traits with Hitler.

To enter into the arena of argument and counter argument about Harris, is as futile as sugar distribution with a fork. Predictably, in the arena of politics the adversaries sling mud because they find they can hide self-interests under freedom of speech claims.

It is the very same leftists who abandon their hefty liberal rhetoric as soon as the mud begins to dry.

Our society is comprised of too many people who want cuts; cuts that affect other people. It is this stagnation of attitudes that I find repugnant. Harris has been stigmatized by the frivolous spending of previous governments. The cuts, however unpleasant must be carried out judicially. As an elected official we must entrust him to make that decision.

I didn't escape the firm grip of the communist oppressor in Poland to complain each time the government, I played an active role in electing, fulfills one of its promises. Under communism, potential candidates were assured of victory long before elections were ever held.

Harris stigmatized by previous government

Unemployment insurance is not a concept deeply rooted in communism. Frequently the middle class wants the rich to carry the tax burden. The rich understand that they stimulate the economy and want the government to continue on its trail to recovery.

Ontario government is not on a downward spiral towards the dictatorship of imperialism, a condition synonymous with communism.

Next time you indulge in an academic exercise of freedom of speech, through an assault on the provincial government and how bad it is, consider that which you compare it to.

Bombing unnerving

MELISSA REID

The loss of innocence and the horror of terrorism hit many people in Oklahoma on April 19, 1995, at 9:04 a.m.

When a rental truck filled with diesel fuel and fertilizer exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah federal building, it was said that time stopped. The north side of the building from top to bottom was destroyed.

They say the blast was felt 50 km away, but I think it was felt

around the world.

I remember when the bomb went off. That night after school I went home, picked up my baby girl and cried as I watched the news.

The destruction was unbelievable. When people found out that fellow Americans committed this crime, they were horrified. The following day, flags at other federal buildings were lowered to half-mast.

Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh were charged with this crime that took 169 lives.

Authorities moved the trial to Denver, which is an hour-and-a-half plane flight from Oklahoma, so McVeigh and Nichols can have a fair trial. U.S. District Judge Richard Match decided that a fair trial comes before the ability of the victims' families to attend the trial.

I am curious to see if the news coverage of the trial will overpower the remembrance of the victims at the first anniversary of the bombing. I know I will hold my baby tight and remember how lucky I am that so far my baby and I have been spared from any form of horrific violence like this bombing.

Student gives thanks to college and city for school years

ERIN PINCHIN

The school year is almost over and I was trying to figure out what the past two years at Niagara College has taught me.

Besides the school part of journalism and photography, I learned how to live in a small city.

I was born in Port Colborne but we moved to Mississauga when I was four or five.

Mississauga may not be a huge city, but it's hard getting used to one mall here in Welland, while Mississauga has at least four two-level shopping malls.

I'm not putting Welland down at all, I like living here, but it was a culture shock coming here.

I know the Welland bus schedule like the back of my hand whereas in Mississauga I'm terrified to take the bus because I'm afraid I'll end up in New York or something.

Seriously though, being in Welland taught me a lot about people in general and a lot about myself.

Niagara College has also taught me a lot besides school work.

Life isn't always fun, but when you're doing what you like, and you're around people who make you feel comfortable and make you laugh, there's nothing that can't be made fun.

Although Welland took awhile for me to get used to, probably because I was away from home, I want to say thank you for making the past two years of my life interesting.

And to Niagara College and my fellow classmates, I just want to say thank you for all the great memories. I hope we all end up doing whatever it is that makes us happy.

I think it can be said that most of the second-year journalism students are not going to miss those early mornings laying out the newspaper.

As Journalism-Print instructor Gary Erb would say "Good job guys, great work!"

ELECTIONS

Candidates lining up for positions in SAC

JASON CHASE

'There has to be more representation of the people.'

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

The name is Chase — Jason Chase "as in Chase for the leadership of SAC."

Jason Chase, 20, a second-year Journalism-Print program student at the Welland campus, is one of three candidates running for Student Administrative Council (SAC) president.

The St. Catharines native, who plans to take the Public Relations Post-Diploma program next year, said over the past two years he has been exposed to the ups and downs of SAC.

"I've seen areas of concern which I could improve on with the guidance of the students of Niagara College."

He said all students should be a part of SAC and shouldn't be alienated from it, adding SAC members should be a medium between the college and the students.

Chase's leadership abilities go back to his senior year at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines. As a member of the senior debate team, he won the award for best senior debater, as well as sporting the title of captain of the football team.

He is an active member of the Niagara Food and Commercial Workers International Union through his part-time job as a grocery clerk at SuperFresh on Hartzel Road in St. Catharines.

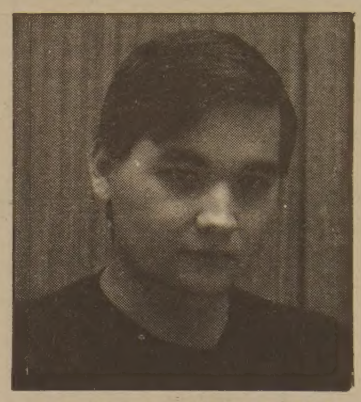
Chase said students' concerns of SAC fees could be largely due to lack of information on upcoming events and a lack of interest in the events chosen.

He said SAC needs to generate things that people want. "There has to be more representation of the people," he said, adding more needs to be made available to the entire student body.

The student body includes all the other campuses, stressed Chase and they shouldn't be treated as only satellites of Niagara College.

"Niagara College is a community, and we (SAC) are the local government." He said SAC reps should get out to other campuses more.

Chase said "to take it from being a great SAC to an excellent one all comes down to student involvement and having their voices heard," adding changes have to come from what students want.



LUC K. LABRECQUE

'Fervent political watchdog.'

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student describing himself as a "fervent political watchdog" is in the race for presidency.

Luc K. Labrecque, 21, is running for Student Administrative Council (SAC) president.

Originally from Timmins, Ont., Labrecque was a student representative for SAC last year.

The second-year Broadcast-Radio, Television and Film student said that "we, as students, can no longer live" with the current system of SAC — change is in order.

Labrecque said the students should be able to decide whether SAC should be maintained as it is now or watered down as a volunteer organization.

SAC should create a "pay to play system," requiring students to pay only for the activities they attend and money for activities should be raised through fund-raising.

Labrecque suggested eliminating wages for SAC members. He said since the student council is a service to the student body and being a member looks good on a resume, SAC members should give their time voluntarily.

Students should know where their money is going, he said, adding he thinks SAC should be audited.

Upon election, Labrecque said he will see the necessary changes through, then resign. "I don't see why I have to stay around loitering afterwards."

Labrecque said he didn't think it was possible to involve all of the campuses without treating them as separate entities. "How can I recognize the interests of St. Catharines if I've never been there?"

He said a centralized student government "would only cause unnecessary bureaucracy."

Although he has seen a few positive things from SAC so far, he said they have been shadowed by many negative things. "My main goal is to offer the student body the opportunity to decide the future for SAC."

WILLY NOILES

'You can't communicate being a good listener.'

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is a ship in need of someone new who will help get it on its way, and Willy Noiles might just be that individual.

Noiles, 30, is a Public-Relations Post-Diploma program student, running for SAC president.

"I really believe I can help. I believe I have the skills that can make this ship run," said Noiles, as the reason why he's running for the position.

He said what is "really needed" for a better SAC is communication, and he believes he has the communication background. "SAC should have open doors to all students: foreign, disabled, adult students, students from other campuses, and your regular joe-blow," he added.

Noiles said communication and listening are the best way to solve problems; by sitting down, advocating and fighting for students and their needs.

"You can't communicate without being a good listener," he said, adding communicating and listening are not the same thing.

He said "we can let our concerns be known and the key is to sit down and talk. Whatever action is taken, it should be what the students want."

Noiles said he's ready for the challenge and has no concerns that academics will be affected. "I worked at a newspaper for three-quarters of the time and still maintained my honor roll standing," he said, adding next year he will divide his workload at 70 per cent for academics and 30 per cent for SAC.

He said there is a need for more involvement on the part of students. SAC has to sit down and discuss the needs of students as a group, along with student Senate representatives who would sit at SAC meetings.

"There has to be more communication," he said. "We need to look at other ways to get the message across."

Noiles said he wishes to be remembered as someone who listened to all the students and their concerns, if he were to be elected.

Sneak-a-peek at SAC

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

It may not be as exciting as a Republican primary but the race for Student Administration Council positions is heating up.

Going for the presidential spot are three Niagara College students: Willy Noiles, 30, a post-diploma Public Relations program student; Jason Chase, 20, a second-year Journalism-Print program student; Luc K. Labrecque, 21, a second-year Broadcast-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) student.

In pursuit of vice-president athletics there are three candidates: Kyle Anderson, 19, a first-year Electronics Engineering Technology program student; Joe Habib, 22, a first-year January-start Correctional Worker program student and David Shane Walton, a first-year Recreation Leadership program student.

The positions of vice-president external, vice-president internal and vice-president executive have all been filled by acclamation.

Kim Fragomeni, 26, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, has been been acclaimed to vice-president external.

Leeann Setchell, 20, a first-year BRTF program student has been acclaimed to vice-president internal.

Donald Woodruff, 20, a second-year Retail Management program student, has been acclaimed to the position of vice-president executive.

The role of vice-president social affairs has not been filled. The role is under consideration for change.

The outgoing SAC members are President Bren Biggs, a second-year Recreational Leadership program student; Executive Vice-president Mark McNiven, a second-year BRTF program student; Vice-president Social Affairs Scott Verhoeven, a second-year BRTF program student; Vice-president External Melody Mayville, a first-year Legal Assistant program student; Vice-president of Athletics Amanda Cheevers, a first-year Visual and Creative Arts-Design program and Vice-president Internal Kyle Anderson.

Don't forget your student I.D. when you come to vote on March 25 and 26.

SAC STUFF

Students acclaimed to positions on SAC

By ERIN PINCHIN
Staff Writer

Leeann Setchell, 20, a first-year Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film program student, has been acclaimed to the vice-president of internal affairs position of the Student Administrative Council here.

Setchell, from Huntsville, Ont., was involved in student council social activities while in high school. Setchell said being a member of SAC is all about meeting people. "SAC is for the students."

Previous to becoming the vice-president of internal affairs, she was a class representative and a student representative here.

Setchell said she has maintained an academic average above the 65 per cent required to serve on SAC. If there were any problems concerning the SAC members' grades, she believed that "all the SAC members would pull together" to help each other maintain the average.

She believes it is possible to involve all campuses of Niagara College. "That's what phones are for," said Setchell.

One thing Setchell said she believes needs to be changed about SAC is, "we need to increase communication between the SAC members. It's important to stay together."

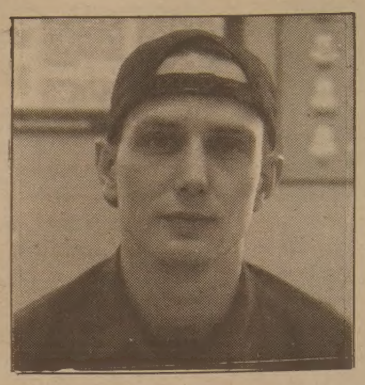
Setchell said she is "here for them (the students), open to suggestions and complaints." She said SAC members were in the college to help the students in any way they could.

"You can't be shy. You have to be able to talk to students to get them involved. You need to be a people person," said Setchell.

Besides talking to people, she said you need to have a leadership quality in order to get things done at SAC.

When Mike Matosky, former vice-president internal affairs, Paula Dempsey, former vice-president executive and Lyndon Johnston, former vice-president athletics, had to resign from SAC due to academic reasons, it had an impact on SAC, said Setchell.

"SAC needs to stay together," to help the students, said Setchell.



DON WOODRUFF

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Don Woodruff is "up for any challenge."

Woodruff, 20, has been acclaimed vice-president executive on Student Administrative Council (SAC).

He is a second-year Retail Management program student who is coming back next year to take the three-year Business Administration Co-op in Accounting.

He has had two years of political experience at the college. He has spent four terms as class representative on SAC, four terms as a curriculum representative (reviews courses, texts, and program progress), and one term as student representative on SAC.

"Ever since I've been a student representative it's been fun getting a lot of stuff done for students," he said.

His position as vice-president executive involves updating the SAC constitution, giving authorization for clubs and club funding, and taking the position of president when the president is absent.

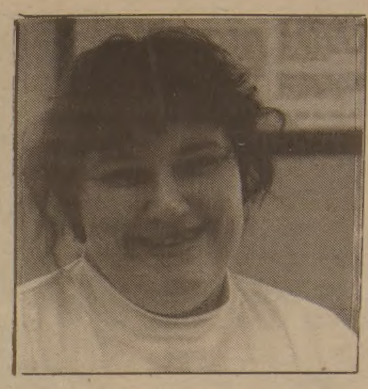
"(I will do) anything and everything that is thrown my way (for the student body)," he said. "I am up for any challenge."

Woodruff plans to improve on what SAC has done this year. He said the only way to go into the future is to improve upon the present.

He said he won't have a problem fulfilling his role on SAC and maintaining his grades because he has acquired a number of exemptions in courses for his program next year.

He said SAC projects and activities should be included at all Niagara College campuses. He added the activities should correspond at all campuses to make them successful.

"Everything needs change—including SAC," Woodruff said. He plans to fine-tune SAC's procedures and schedule activities better so they aren't "just popping up."



KIM FRAGOMENI

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

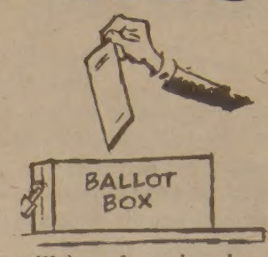
Kim Fragomeni is interested in seeing students develop an interest in what's going on around the college.

Fragomeni, 26, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, has been acclaimed vice-president external affairs on Student Administrative Council (SAC).

"One other person ran for the position, but was disqualified," Fragomeni said.

Next year, Fragomeni is taking the Child and Youth Worker program, but she already has the majority of courses through taking the LASA program.

She hopes to expand on the existing vice-president's (Melody Mayville) work, saying she would like to see more fundraising from outside organizations.



"I want to add to something (the fundraising) which is already excellent," Fragomeni said.

The vice-president external's role is to seek outside funding for SAC activities. Major projects of the job include Shine-o-rama and the Red Cross blood donor clinic.

"I have all summer to play with it (the SAC position), and come up with different ideas for fundraising, and look into what can and can't be done," she said. Her role as vice-president external begins May 1.

Fragomeni said she keeps up with news and college politics, but "Deep down I hate politics, but it has to be dealt with."

She said she has been involved unofficially with SAC since beginning college, and will not have a problem performing on SAC as well as keeping up her academic obligations because she has maintained a house, two children and a full-time job and never had a problem with her grades.

SAC Bits

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

The Annual General Meeting of Student Administrative Council (SAC) will be held on Thursday, March 28 in the Hamilton Room on the Welland campus at 12:30 p.m.

On its agenda will be Gary LaRose, director of financial services, who will report on the 1995/96 budget.

Rules of Order for meetings will be presented as well as any constitution changes.

Changing the role of the vice-president of social affairs will be considered. This will make the vice-president in charge of social activities instead of programming.

Also discussed at the meeting:

- The motion was passed at the March 7 meeting to give SAC Office Manager Cindy Blanchard a $1 pay increase retroactive to November 1995. Blanchard will also receive $250 in compensation for a raise that "could have" commenced May 1, 1995.

- The *Let's Build Doors to Open Them* campaign wrapped up this week. Melody Mayville, vice-president internal affairs, said that SAC needs to raise more money after raising $180 to date. Mayville suggested a Euchre tournament on March 19 to end the campaign.

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SAC ELECTION TIMES

MONDAY, MARCH 25 Mack Centre
in front of Counselling office 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Welland Campus
in front of Counselling office (ME103) 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Hospitality and Tourism Centre Cafeteria 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Welland Vale Campus
in front of the library 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

BE SURE TO BRING STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

LIFE

Retiring teacher has fond memories of Niagara

By JENNIFER MITCHELL
Staff Writer

"Somebody should write a book about this place," says Willard Wright, 56, retiring Niagara College Human Relations program teacher.

Wright, who has worked 28 years at the Welland campus, remembers when the Hennepin building was the only building on the college property.

"It was known as the initial building. I remember cows grazing where the Mackenzie building is now."

Some of the fondest memories he will leave with will include the guest speakers that the Student Administrative Council (SAC) brought in.

"They brought in Xavier Hollander, a writer for Penthouse Magazine. She wrote raunchy articles on how to have great sex." She attracted hundreds of students to the gymnasium when she spoke, he said.

Another speaker SAC invited was a stripper called "The Black Panther". Wright says he was "volunteered" to look after her while she was at the college.

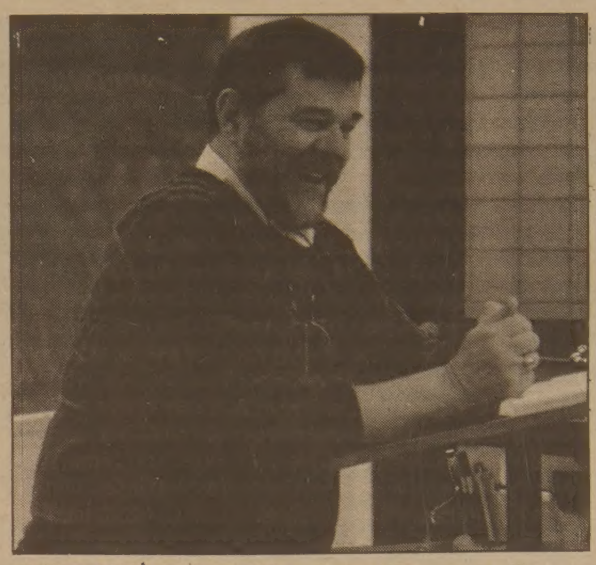
"Here was this stripper with a skintight black outfit and holding a whip walking the halls with me. When I took her to the cafeteria all the guys there were drooling and walking into things."

One of the more memorable experiences Wright remembers was a staged "explosion" that happened at the Welland campus.

"The only people that knew it was a staged explosion were the ambulance attendants, the fire department, the chief of staff of the Welland County General Hospital and the Niagara College theatrical students who were performing as victims."

Wright says the event was used to test the Welland hospital's ability to handle a major emergency. The problem was, he says, that no one knew it was a test.

"I came out of my office at Simcoe 105, and looked to my left. About 15 students were bleeding and badly burned. They were screaming and wailing, just behind the Hamilton Room. I ran to the scene and bent over the nearest victim, trying to assess his condition. I looked up and saw Dr. Jerry Alexander, the visiting college physician, and he was just standing there, not doing anything. The first thing that flashed through my mind was, 'it's a test.' So what do you do in a test? Figure out the course of action."



Willard Wright is retiring from Niagara College.

"My course of action was to decide who was in the worst condition and get them out of the building. It was all very realistic."

Maybe it was too realistic, he says, as a media student telephoned a St. Catharines radio station and told the deejay the news. This broadcaster announced the explosion over the air and several other stations picked up the news. "All hell broke loose."

Parents from all over phoned the school checking up on their children.

The college ended up getting "raked over the coals," he says, and most of it was the fault of the radio station. The deejay kept emphasizing how "incompetent" the school was and how people should have been warned.

"I was so mad at the deejay, I phoned him up on the air and asked him if he was a professional. Of course he said "yes," so I asked him why he didn't verify his story with the school administration, instead of taking the word of a media student who was still learning the trade. He considered that and then apologized for what he'd said about the school."

Wright says he will be happy to retire. He was offered an attractive retirement package to leave this summer (he will be 57 in July), but says that at the most he is leaving maybe two years early.

An ex-bartender and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) pilot, he went to Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfred Laurier University) from 1964-1968, where he got a degree in economics.

"I never had enough money to pay for tuition, so I would go to the business office and tell them I would pay them next summer when I got work. They let me do it every time and that's how I made it through school."

Wright says he also attended the University of New York at Buffalo, N.Y., where he got his masters in education. He was working at the college at the time and went summers and evenings for three and a half years.

When he first arrived at Niagara College in February 1968 he was hired to teach math. He was switched to economics and taught it primarily for the next six years. After that he moved into the Human Relations course to teach business and economics.

Wright, born in Toronto, is fluently bilingual, having learned French in school and the RCAF. His wife Mariette, an ex-teacher, was born in Quebec and the Wrights have a summer home there.

He met his wife while bartending in a northern Ontario resort. His daughter Melinda, 26, a graduate of Western University, works at the Customs Office at Fort Erie. His son Andre, 24, is finishing his diploma in the Broadcast, Radio, Television and Film program at Niagara.

He says he sees the college changing in the future.

"I see the average age of students attending classes changing dramatically. No longer will the significant numbers be just Grade 12 graduates. Other ages and social groups will need to attend the school.

"More funding will need to come from students and the private sector. The government will be providing less and less."

Wright is looking forward to his retirement.

"Now that I've got the time, I will do some travelling and relaxing. I'd like to play around with some things."

One of the things he might play around with is taking cooking lessons, or playing the violin, he says.

Relentless search ends in reunion for sisters

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Laury Reid, 24, a second-year Journalism-Print student at Niagara College in Welland, normally writes the news — she had no idea she would actually be the news.

A girl's quest to find her father ended in Laury meeting her half-sister for the first time.

At the age of 11, Tammy Saddler had questions she wanted answered. She began to look for her father.

The 21-year-old who calls Mississauga home, asked her mother to help find her father when she first began looking for him.

"My mom and I talked about it and she said as long as I lived with her, she didn't want to 'dredge-up' the past and it was best I waited till I was on my own. My mom was always honest with me, maybe too honest, but I understood."

Her mom did tell her, however, that her father's family was from Welland, Ont., so she immediately shifted her focus to the Welland area.

"I kept a log of all the names I felt would help me in my search. Sisters, brothers, anyone who might bring me closer to finding him," she says.

"I dialed 411 to get a list of all the Reids in Welland. After numerous calls I thought I had found him, but it turned out this guy, who I thought was my father, was toying with my emotions, playing along with all my questions."

This was enough to turn the 11-year-old off her search.

She tried again briefly at the age of 14, but got nowhere.

"At 16, my mother told me my father was an avid dart player and that he usually played at the Legion. I think I called every Legion from here (Toronto) to Welland. Do you know how many Legions there are in Toronto? I got nothing, nobody heard of him. It was like he didn't exist.

Tammy searched for her father off and on for five years. She was getting older and although she still had things to say to her father, her attention was shifting to finding her half-sisters, Colette and Laura.

"At 18, I went through the motions once more. I called information. Got all the numbers for Reids in Welland, brothers, sisters and began dialing. Still nothing.

"It was becoming too emotional for me and I closed that chapter of my life for the time being."

She regained interest when a co-worker offered to bring back a phone book, the next time she went to Port Colborne. This time she was going to find them even if it meant hiring a private detective.

She began calling detectives when she got home that evening and made an appointment with the last guy she talked with for the coming week.

The detective had told her to try to find them anyway she could before their visit, to save herself some money.

She tried the last two Reids on her list. The first, a woman came to the phone, but she knew the woman was too old.

Feeling deflated, she proceeded to phone the last one.

" 'Hello.' I knew right away there was something about the voice and my heart began beating frantically. Hello, is Laura there? The voice replied, yeah...this is... . I thought my heart was going to come out of my chest. I thought this girl was just playing with my mind, like that guy so many years ago," said Tammy.

"I asked her, 'Is your mother's name Sandra?' and she said, 'yes...' then I said 'this is Tammy,' and she said, 'Oh, my God!'

"All I could do is cry. During this outburst of emotion I asked her if she knew where our father was. I needed to know. Laury said, 'I'm sorry. Our father passed away six years ago.' (I found out after, she didn't go by Laura).

"We talked and talked, it was like we had been friends forever. After talking for hours, Laury said she would have to call 'our sister' Colette."

Colette Amyotte, 27, of Fitch Street, in Welland, is the eldest of the three. She lives with her husband Al, and four-year-old daughter.

"Laury phoned me on the Tuesday, right after she talked to Tammy." The excitement of the past events was still evident in Colette's voice. The three made plans for the coming weekend.

"Friday I couldn't sleep at all in anticipation of meeting Tammy."

Tammy and her boyfriend Morris, headed out early Saturday morning. "I wasn't nervous all the way to Welland, although it did seem to take forever to get there.

"We pulled into the driveway of the apartments where Colette lives and I couldn't get out of the car! Morris said, 'this is what we came here for, now let's go.'

"There's two buildings and after entering the wrong one first, we entered Colette's building. I saw her name on the list of tenants, but I couldn't bring myself to press the button. Morris went to press the button and I yelled, 'don't.' He said 'you're acting crazy,' and pressed the button.

Colette met them at the elevator. "She was a cross between my sister and my cousin. I couldn't believe it."

"We hugged and went into the apartment to get acquainted," said Tammy.

Laury and her boyfriend Mark came over shortly after noon. They sat down and looked over photos of each other. Crying, laughing, just being sisters. "We hit it off as if we always knew each other," said Tammy.

"It feels good to know who they (Laury and Colette) are and finally meet them. It's closure for me, a chapter completed from my past and beginning of a new chapter, which just made my Christmas list a bit bigger."

SATELLITES

Casino courses are coming to Niagara College

By LEE-ANN AYRES
Staff Writer

Hands-on experience in casino training is a safe bet at Niagara College Casino Training School.

Niagara College is offering casino courses at the Dunn Street Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. The course will provide the skills sought by casino owners once the casino hits town.

Shirley Tomovic, development officer in Continuing Education and program developer for the courses, says a lot of research and preparation went into the development of the program.

After the Windsor casino was established in 1993, Tomovic and Foster Zanutto, director of Continuing Education, looked at bringing casino training to the Niagara Region. The two attended meetings in Toronto, Las Vegas and Windsor, Ont. In consultation with Cornell University, Community College of Southern Nevada, the University of Nova Scotia, University of Nevada at Las Vegas and St. Clair and George Brown colleges, Niagara College came up with the curriculum and course.

Niagara College's Casino Training School first opened its doors in August 1994. "We had an excellent response," says Tomovic.

In early July after the Tory government came into power in Ontario, Tomovic said the demand for the casino school dropped because most people thought Harris was against casinos. "But then at the end of November, in the mini-budget, Ernie Eves (minister of finance) announced there would be a casino and it would be in Niagara Falls."

She said demand increased significantly after the announcement. "We have been totally inundated. By the end of winter term, we had 200 registered students."

In response to the demands, the college has looked at renovating one of the rooms at the Hospitality Tourism Centre into a casino lab. There are plans for a new course being offered, the Slot Machine Technician course for those who don't want to miss out on the casino experience.

"Imagine that you are dealing Blackjack. It pays three to two. One guy puts down $5, another $10. That's easy to figure out. One guy puts down $432, you've got to figure out the odds, give him the right amount of chips, as well as everyone else and you got to be quick. Don't forget that they're watching you, along with your supervisor, the pitboss and a bunch of cameras focused on you."

The courses being offered are blackjack, mini-baccarat, roulette, pai gow poker and Caribbean poker. All courses are offered in two parts. Blackjack is a pre-requisite for all other casino courses.

Not only are the courses well structured but job placement rate is high. Tomovic says about 97 per cent of the students who took the course at the Community College of Nova Scotia found jobs.

Tomovic says it is estimated that there will be 100 tables at the Niagara Falls casino. That means the casino will employ between 500 and 700 dealers.

Tomovic says the new casino will have a great impact on Niagara College. "Anywhere there is a casino it will greatly affect the community college within its area."

The casino dealer courses cost $285 and run throughout the spring and summer. For more information contact the Continuing Education Office at 735-2211/641-2252/684-4315/382-2383/563-3254 ext. 7510.

Working graduate Barbara Crawford

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff Writer

Barbara Crawford, 24, graduated from the Niagara College Nursing program in 1992.

The program "offered the best hands-on in clinical experience," said Crawford.

She is disappointed in the closing of the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines.

The St. Catharines resident attended high school at Notre Dame in Welland before going to the college.

She is working for two private health care services: Para-Med Health Services and Olsten Kimberly Qualitycare. She is engaged to be married.

Crawford also runs her own business retailing crystal and "decorating and consulting."

After graduating from the college, Crawford worked as a nurse in Baton Rouge, La., at a hospital called Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Centre.

Crawford said she was "spoiled" at the hospital. Every room had wall-to-wall carpeting and computer charting for the patients. She was responsible for eight patients at a time.

She said she was happy about not having to be responsible for patients' hygiene. Assistants helped the nurses. One drawback was the insurance system, which she said was "confusing."

Barbara Crawford

Call W.I.N. for help

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

The telephones are silent at the Wellness Information Niagara (W.I.N.) program, a telephone health line available to Niagara College students and their relatives.

Implemented Jan. 22 the program is aimed at giving 45 second-and third-year nursing students clinical experience.

Niagara's students are encouraged to call with any questions they may have about general health and wellness.

"It's a perfect medium," said Marian Landry, a faculty member of the Nursing program at the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines.

Landry said although she and other faculty members are often approached with questions, "people are not accessing the telephone line."

She said the lack of feedback could be the community perception of the program. Even though people answering the phones are student nurses, Landry stressed they know where to get the required information.

Lack of awareness is another possibility, said Landry, although W.I.N. has been advertised in the Niagara News, on CRNC and flyers have been distributed.

The strictly confidential calls are available toll-free throughout the Niagara peninsula until May 31.

Landry said any serious concerns about medical health should be directed towards a family doctor.

The numbers to call are: 735-2211-1-6525, 382-2383-1-6525, 641-2252-1-6525, 563-3252-1-6525.

Snow costs Niagara College

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

Sandra Fox, manager of ancillary services for the college, says the college has contracted out for snow removal.

She says the contract is set on a standby fee and snow is removed daily if necessary.

Niagara is under contract with three different companies, since snow removal is done in three different municipalities.

The Welland campus receives two times the amount of snow removal because it is the largest campus.

Young Sod, on Foss Road, in Welland is contracted for snow removal at the Welland campus.

Jeff Cunningham, an employee for the company, says snow removal was constant in mid-December to mid-January, but was slightly less than last year.

Donna-Lee Deline, an employee of Gigante, who remove snow for Niagara's Horticulture campus and the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines, says the snowfall this year was "quite light."

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls has its snow removed by Envirotech Maintenance Ltd.

Salting and sanding is handled by Niagara College maintenance employees.

Snow removal duties include clearing streets and banks in parking areas to create more parking space and provide better visibility for cars, says Fox.

The snow removal cost for Niagara at the end of January was $14,310.

Over the past five years, Niagara has spent on average $28,408.80 for its snow removal services.

College graduations coming

By MARK FERENCE
Staff Writer

Graduation ceremonies are fast approaching for students at Niagara College.

Three spring convocation ceremonies will be held at Welland Centennial Secondary School, 240 Thorold Rd., Welland, as well as one convocation ceremony at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. Receptions will follow each ceremony at After Hours at the Welland campus.

The spring convocations are open to students who finish their programs no later than April 26 and complete all graduation requirements no later than May 17.

On Thursday, May 2, in Niagara Falls, at 7:30 p.m., the Culinary Skills, and Hotel and Restaurant Administration programs will have their graduation ceremonies.

On Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m., the following programs will hold their graduation ceremonies: Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film, Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Programmer, Electrical Engineering Technician, Electrical Engineering Technology, Electronics Engineering Technician, Electronics Engineering Technology, Interior Design, Journalism-Print, Visual and Creative Arts-Design, Interactive Multimedia (Post - Diploma), Public Relations (Post - Diploma), Business Administration-Information Systems, Construction Engineering Technology-Architecture, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Part-time Certificate programs.

On Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m., the following programs will hold their graduation ceremonies: Early Childhood Education, Educational Resources and Special Needs, Health Records Technician, Human Relations, Law and Security Administration, Recreational Leadership, Social Service Worker and Cultural Resources Management (Post-Diploma).

On Thursday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m., the following programs will hold their graduation ceremonies: Career and College Success, General Arts and Science, Business-Accounting, Business-Retail Management, Business Administration-Accounting, Business Administration-Accounting (Co-op), Business Administration-Human Resources Management (Co-op), Business Administration-Operations Management (Co-op), Legal Assistant (Co-op), Office Administration-Executive, Environmental Health and Safety Co-ordinator, Environmental Management (Post Diploma), and Horticultural Technician (Co-op).

There will also be a fall convocation for students finishing their programs no later than Aug. 30, and having completed all graduation requirements no later than Sept. 20.

Remember to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start in order to pick up your gown and be lined up for the processional.

OFF CAMPUS

One step closer for trail and parkway

It is hopeful the extension of the Steve Bauer Trail will be under way by early April. The abandoned Canadian National Railway trunk-line is now enjoyed by snowmobilers.
Photo by Ron Crowley

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

The design of a multi-use trail and parkway which would run from Port Dalhousie to Port Colborne has moved one step closer.

Phase three of a five-phase process, involving workshops open to the public, took place March 6 in the Burgoyne Room at Lock 3 Complex on Government Road in St. Catharines.

In an interview before the public meeting, Ken Buck, project manager for IMC Consulting of Cambridge, said, "Things have been going great so far and there has been little opposition to the plan."

The last of four meetings that day and the busiest began with Bruce Timms, the region's canal land development committee chairman, welcoming everyone.

Timms then gave the floor to Buck who explained the evening's agenda and provided a brief synopsis for those who were attending for the first time.

Maps covered two entire walls of the meeting room, providing information on such issues as wildlife habitat, land ownership and zoning bylaws, but the main focus was the three maps at the front of the room.

One map showed an alternative route incorporating some of the suggestions offered at previous meetings. Another map showed the preferred route for the canal parkway (vehicle route), and the last showed a multi-use trail that would run in conjunction with the paved roadway.

What is being proposed, Buck said, is a "great circle," which would link the Canal Parkway Trail with the existing Niagara Parkway Trail. The 42-kilometre trail, to run from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie, would connect to the parkway via existing linkages or the creation of new ones. "The possibilities are all there," said Buck.

Buck said the Canal Parkway Trail could possibly be linked to the Steve Bauer Trail (Welland-Pelham), The Merritt Trail (St. Catharines) and the proposed Crombie Trail (St. Catharines).

Buck said "Welland has an excellent opportunity to form a loop within its city limits, which could also link up to the main canal line."

With 12 million tourists visiting Niagara Falls each year, businesses throughout the region have for years tried to figure out how to draw some of the tourist dollars their way. This is a "win, win" situation, said Buck.

During the "feedback" part of the meeting, Rick Hesp asked if anyone on the panel felt that this whole thing was being "over-planned."

George Nicholson, a senior planner with Niagara Region, responded: "Should someone decide to take us (the region) to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board), we want to know things are in the right place and we can defend it."

Timms said this plan dates back to 1935 and the idea was revived in 1994. The process has been a lengthy one, and Timms agreed that most people are saying "Enough talk, just do it."

The parkway planning committee announced they would hold more public meetings at the end of April.

Special needs may experience farm activities

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

I CAN-T.E.R.'s vision is to create a setting where individuals (of all ages) with special needs can experience farm activities.

Programs offered at I CAN-T.E.R. include therapeutic riding, day camps, and integrated or specialized programs. Benefits of the therapeutic riding program include balance improvement, strengthening weak muscles and increased attention span.

I CAN-T.E.R. also provides "A Day at the Farm" day camp program which introduces children to life on the farm and in the woods. Children over the age of four of any ability are welcome.

The camp costs $20 for a full day and $10 for a half day.

I CAN-T.E.R. will also host birthday parties for children. Children of all ages and abilities are welcome. Staff will organize the birthday party so parents can just sit back and relax. Party events include pony rides, stable activities, farm animal viewing and a campfire meal.

Upcoming events at I CAN-T.E.R. include a Yard and Craft Sale on May 25 and an Open House on June 25, spring and summer camps and educational programs for schools. A special event called Hair Raiser-Fund Raiser is schedule for Oct. 18 and 19. The rain dates for this event are Oct. 25 and 26.

Staff will organize the birthday party so parents can sit back.

Created in 1993 I CAN-T.E.R. is a non-profit organization which depends upon donations from individuals, families, companies, corporations and other sponsoring groups.

I CAN-T.E.R. is located at 1234 House Rd., Ridgeway, Ont. To volunteer or register for a birthday party or day camp, call Diane Paonessa at 382-4412. Advanced registration is required for birthday parties and day camp programs.

Bean sale

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

Jelly beans and chili don't go together except if you're fundraising to battle diseases.

March marks Red Cross Month and Kidney Foundation Month. The Canadian Red Cross is selling bags of jelly beans for $1. A door-to-door canvas for kidney disease research has a regional goal of $140,000.

The money raised from the bean sales will support Red Cross International projects. Those wanting to help sell jelly beans can call Rosemary at 734-4283.

Jill Cappa, Kidney Foundation chapter manager, said last year the Niagara Region raised $132,000, up from the goal of $120,000.

Red Hot Chili Peppers on St. Paul Street in St. Catharines is featuring the winning recipes in the media chili cook-off held March 1.

Spring begins

By WILL WEBSTER
Staff Writer

Depending on the calendar you have in your kitchen or office you will notice, somewhere between March 20 and March 22, a notation reading "spring begins."

When this day rolls around it may not look like spring. There may be snow on the ground and the temperatures may be below freezing.

However, there is scientific evidence to prove spring begins between March 20 and 22.

The earth revolves around the sun on an axis. As the axis tilts the seasons change. If the earth's axis were always at right angles to the plane of the earth's orbit around the sun there would be no change of seasons.

We would have one long endless season.

In the far north and the far south it would always be winter. In much of Canada the weather would be constantly like the weather is in the third week of March.

Scientists have proven the earth's axis is tilted away from the sun 23 degrees-27 inches. Only during the equinox does the axis enter an orbit perpendicular to the sun.

There is an easy way to understand this. Get up early on any of the days between March 20 and 22 and watch the sun come up. At the moment it peaks it head above the horizon, check your clock.

Later on, when the sun goes down, check your watch again. You will discover the amount of daylight equals almost exactly 12 hours.

This is why it is called equinox — it is from a Latin word meaning equal. During this 24-hour period day and night are most equal, everywhere on the planet.

Here in the northern hemisphere, it marks the day when the sun actually moves closer to us bringing more daylight and warmer temperatures — spring.

Actually, the equinox occurs twice each year. In the third week of September, the sun crosses the equator in the other direction.

College considers new emergency procedure

By TRACY LAPRISE
Staff Writer

An emergency evacuation procedure is awaiting approval on new fire safety measures for Niagara College in Welland.

These measures will apply to anyone with physical or other needs.

Security, plant and property, health centres, learning resource centres, faculty and continuing education are the departments to be reviewed.

Refuge areas on the second and third floors of the Simcoe building will be chosen and directional signs indicating these locations will be provided.

A walkway will be installed at the second floor Simcoe roof to allow evacuation through exterior doors outside Tecumseh.

Any physical assistance required to move people with special needs will be provided by firefighters, emergency response personnel or a supervisor health and safety security designee only.

The new measures require joint approval from the college's Human Resources and Special Needs departments and the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

John Eaton, 21, of St. Catharines, a second-year Journalism-Print program student at Niagara's Welland campus, says he has concerns about the new fire safety measures.

Eaton, a wheelchair user, says people often panic — they think of themselves first.

People in wheelchairs need extra help.

He says when there is a fire the elevators become inoperable and that is "very scary."

Eaton says he was on the 10th floor in an apartment building when a fire drill happened. He had to wait for people to call security to come and escort him down.

"Sometimes people come right away but not all the time, " says Eaton.

He says when a fire drill happens everyone runs making it hard for the firefighters to get into the building.

"I think Niagara College is taking the appropriate steps to put people in wheelchairs at ease," says Eaton, adding "all we need is people that will take extra time to help" when the firefighters or the security people can't make it to them quickly.

He says the last time Niagara College had a fire drill, Ron Dugay, a second-year Journalism-Print program student, Phyllis Barnatt, coordinator of the Journalism-Print program, and a security guard waited with him.

"I think it's people like this that put people in wheelchairs at ease and more comfortable," says Eaton.

John Eaton, 21, is at the top of the stairs in the Simcoe building. He wonders how he's going to get down during a fire drill.

Photo By Tracy Laprise

Self-evaluation: key to success

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

In order to minimize business taxes, meet with an accountant to structure your business ownership, explained a certified small business counsellor during a presentation to about 35 Journalism-Print program students at Niagara College in Welland on Feb. 28.

"If I was in business, I wouldn't care how much money I made. I would care about how much money was in my pocket after I paid my taxes," said Patti Tardif, 33, general manager at the Business Development Centre (BDC) of Greater Fort Erie.

"There are three main types of ownerships your business could take," said Tardif, a former student and teacher of Niagara College.

Of the three structures — sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations — Tardif said she recommends incorporating "if you want to hide and protect your assests."

"Ninety per cent of businesses fail within the first five years," she said.

There are many considerations to think about before starting your own business, said Tardif, a certified master accountant.

She said in order to start a business, "you have to ask yourself if there is a need for your product," whether or not "you have the support of your friends and family" and "an understanding of business and finances."

She said self-evaluation is another key to operating a successful business.

"You not only have to have the technical skills, you have to have management and planning skills as well."

The BDC, a non-profit organization originally funded by the federal government, helps create jobs and stabilize employment in the Fort Erie area by offering business counsel, information regarding government grants and subsidies, and loans of up to $75,000 for people considering starting their own business.

Owning and operating your own business "is the hardest job you could ever have," said Tardif, who encouraged students to ask her questions throughout her presentation.

Income tax returns prepared free

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Niagara College accounting students are receiving hands-on experience preparing income tax returns free for fellow students.

About 50 returns for processing were dropped off in the office administration room at the Welland campus by the end of the clinic's first week.

"That's pretty good for our first week," said Paul Martin, a first-year Business Accounting co-op program student.

Martin, 34, of St. Catharines, is one of many volunteer accounting students taking part in the service.

The college is the first to participate in the electronic (EFILE) service which began on Monday, March 4 and runs through today Friday, March 22.

Alana Jagoe, 25, of Niagara Falls, a first-year Business Accounting co-op student, said "we expected it to be slow" but by week's end, "it's picking up now."

She also said they don't think students realize the returns are processed in conjunction with Revenue Canada and money returns are available within 14 days.

The accounting students' schedules are based on when their timetable spares occur. This provides a steady rotation of student volunteers. There are five five-member teams.

Asked how the volunteers like the experience they said, "I enjoy doing it, it's very easy with this program," said Martin. Jagoe also said she likes the experience.

Helping find co-op

By KATHLEEN FERRIS
Staff Writer

Co-operative Education Consultant Maria Canham has been employed at Niagara College's Employment Services at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls since August 1995.

She is responsible for assisting and "providing opportunities" for work experience for co-op students in the three-year Hotel and Restaurant Administration program and co-op students in the two-year Tourism-Tours and Attractions program.

Both programs contain two co-op terms during the summer after the first and second years.

The time spent out of her office is devoted to co-op related-committee meetings and job development, which includes making contacts over the telephone and in person with employers trying to develop job opportunities to post on the co-op job board for students.

She also delivers resumes to employers that she's collected from the postings.

"The main focus of my job is trying to develop as many postings as I can for the students," said Canham.

During the summer, she completes site visits of the students on their co-op work term. Site visits within Ontario are fulfilled in person and those out of the province-country are completed over the telephone.

Site visits involve conversations with the students and their immediate supervisor. A standard questionnaire is asked of them to ensure everything is going well.

Canham can identify with these program students because she said she has always had summer employment within the hospitality industry.

"I've been everything from an audio-tour operator at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls to a dining room supervisor at the Minolta Tower in Niagara Falls."

She was employed at the Minolta Tower for two summers while attending Carleton University in Ottawa.

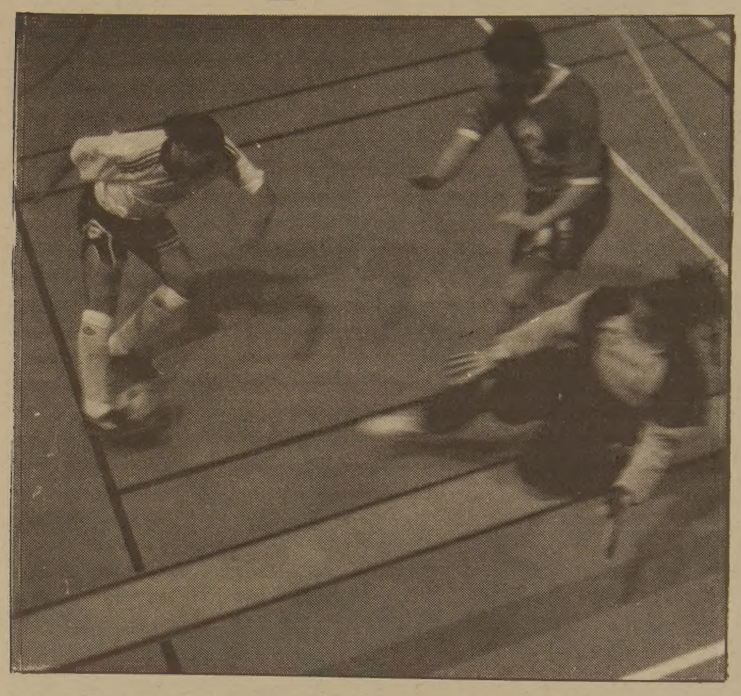
Student office hours involve counselling them on how to complete job development requirements and fine tuning their resumes and cover letters.

These techniques are also taught in the career planning and development class she teaches to first-year program students one hour a week.

Students may drop by or make an appointment with Canham at her office at Employment Services at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre, 5881 Dunn St., in Niagara Falls at Ext. 3614. Her office hours are Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SPORTS

First place finish for men's soccer team



Niagara's Andy Borges (white) burned the defender and the goalie, to score a tying goal against Confederation College.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

In a season which hasn't provided many high points, the indoor soccer teams are a welcome change of pace.

This weekend Niagara's men's indoor soccer team will play in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) provincial championship.

"We have a team strong enough to beat anyone," said coach Sandro Peruzza.

The team showed some of its strong points on March 9 when they were at Kitchener's Conestoga College for the OCAA Regional Tournament.

Niagara took three straight victories to take first place in the round-robin tournament.

The Knights' first game was against the Confederation College Thunderhawks of Thunder Bay.

The team started off uneasy and were getting caught out of position one too many times; none the less, they took a quick one-goal lead when Andy Borges set up John Dipietro for the strike. Dipietro would later add one more off a rebound, and a third from another pass from Borges.

Niagara took a 3-0 lead into the half.

Second-half action was sloppy and the Knights gave away two quick goals to make the score 3-2. Niagara was able to hang on to that 3-2 lead, and took the first match.

Next up was Ancaster's Redeemer College Royals. The Royals were quick to spread the Knights' defence and were first to strike; one could see the heads of the Knights dropping to the ground.

Redeemer's defense would close the doors to the Knights' offence, until the last minute, when Luciano Berardocco would connect on a first-touch strike to tie the game.

In the second half, Borges did a solo number on the Royals as he took two defenders out of the picture, and went around the goalie for the strike. This gave the Knights a 2-1 lead, but it was short lived — as a blunder on defence would allow the Royals' tying goal.

Dipietro would later set up Jarek Tobur on a breakaway, and Tobur would not disappoint as he would put the ball through two defenders and the goalie for the goal. Dipietro would later add a goal of his own on another breakaway.

Another blunder in defence allowed the Royals one more goal, but the damage was already done. The Knights took the game 4-3.

The last game was against the host Conestoga Condors. Niagara hit a brick wall against a tougher team. The Knights seemed more skilful, but were being literally thrown around by the Condors. Conestoga took a 1-0 lead into the half.

Niagara would not be denied in the second half, and tied the game via a solo effort from Borges. The rest of the game was played to a stalemate, which saw the match going into sudden-death overtime (whoever scores first — wins).

Conestoga had two previous wins under its belt and so did Niagara. But the Knights would not come up short of the top again.

Rene Arnold took the ball from his defence position, ran by a player and gave the ball up to Borges who (in between two Condor defenders) set up the give and go to Arnold; he slashed out a shot which did not stop until it reached the back of the net for the winning goal.

The Knights jumped for joy, with their arms reaching to the heavens. Arnold would later say he was doing his job, and was glad it finished the way it did.

Dipietro said it felt good to win the three games "especially" when the other teams were always cheering against them.

The win at the tournament gave the Knights the West crown and earns them the trip to Kitchener for the provincial OCAA Championship, where they'll meet the second place teams of the West and East divisions.

Niagara will play the Royal Military College and Centennial College; along with these teams, they form Pool A in the tournament. Pool B includes St. Lawrence College's K team, George Brown College and Conestoga.

The first round of round-robin play will be today, with the top two teams from each pool making it to the playoffs.

The semi-finals will be tomorow.

LASA secures little NHL

By PATTY MALLAIS
Staff Writer

It was March Break for some last week, but not for all.

While some students at Niagara College were flying south for some March sun and others taking it easy at home, some Law and Security Administration students were doing some volunteer work at the arenas in Welland.

As Welland hosted the Little NHL (National Hockey League) Tournament at its Main and Youth arenas on March 14, 15, 16, 17, LASA students were on hand providing security for both arenas.

Mark DeRuyte, a second-year policing student in the LASA program was just one of the many who volunteered for the event.

DeRuyte said they (students) were there to provide security for both the arenas, ensure all exits were secure, enforce the no smoking by-law and general surveys of the premises.

The LASA program provides volunteer security for a number of events throughout the Niagara Region.

Lady Knights going to provincials

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Niagara College may not be winning the major sports championships, but the school's so-called minor sports teams are holding their own.

Four minor sports teams have reached the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) provincial championships, while the major sports either failed to make the playoffs or advance past the quarterfinals.

"And they want to cut soccer next year," were the words said by coach Steve Celestini after Niagara's women's soccer team earned a trip to this weekend (OCAA) Championship.

The Knights earned the trip to Ancaster's Redeemer College for the provincial championship, where they will play the first and second place teams of the East and Central division.

They placed second in the West division round-robin tournament, which was held at Redeemer College in Ancaster.

Niagara played the Conestoga College Condors of Kitchener first. The Knights began playing strong and closed the doors on the Condors for the first 15 minutes. A three on one breakaway would give the Condors a 1-0 lead going into the half.

Second-half action began much the same as the first, with the Knights coming out strong — but another breakdown would cost them dearly.

In a space of five minutes, total breakdown in the Knights' defence allowed the Condors three quick goals, which put the game out of reach as Niagara lost 4-0.

Next up were the Redeemer Royals, and whomever won this game would also win a trip to the provincial championships.

Niagara began by playing a more aggressive style of soccer. It paid off as they would take a quick 1-0 lead on a goal by Mariela Doudeva.

A mishandling by the Redeemer goalie, led to a second goal from Doudeva and the 2-0 lead. The Royals scored a goal with 50 seconds left on the clock and cutting the lead to 2-1 at the half.

In the second half, both teams quieted down but were still being persistent. Niagara's goalie Carolyn Hilborn kept the score unchanged by making save after save, as did the goalie from Redeemer.

The Knights hung on to the 2-1 lead and took the victory as well as second place in the tournament.

Coach Celestini said the team still has work to do, but also has what it takes to make some noise at the tournament this weekend.

Niagara's Vanessa Shepherd (left) goes for the 50-50 ball against a Redeemer College player.
Photo by Salvador Ramos Jr.

Going to the tournament are Pam Meenhaul, Carrie Breody, Vanessa Shepherd, Norma Gibson, Marge Langendoen, Sandra Leach, Caroline Ingram and Mariela Doudeva.

SPORTS

College's budget questioned

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

There is much to be asked and answered when it comes to Niagara College's athletics and money available for operations.

Many questions have been asked as to why students should pay $131.30 for a Student Activity Fee many feel they don't use.

Others wish to know where the money is going.

Tracing the money trail is complicated. It involves the athletic department, personnel, college administration, and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

A SAC representative said it has no control or say over the athletics budget.

Ray Sarkis, assistant director of athletics, said many students don't understand how much money is utilized in running sports teams.

Gary LaRose, director of financial services, diverted questions to Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources. LaRose did say the total budget for athletics is $324,749.

Boettcher said the "best individual" to ask would be Peter Rylander, director of athletics. She said she couldn't disclose any information because the salaries of those involved in athletics "can't be disclosed."

Hans van der Slagt, treasurer for the board of governors, said the "best" person to go to was Brigitte Chiki, director of student life and success.

When questioned, Chiki provided a list of items on which money is spent. Included were the "major and minor" varsity sports, intramurals, expenditures, salaries and benefits — but **no exact** numbers.

She said salaries and benefits constitute "30 to 35 per cent of the total athletics budget." For anything else, Chiki directed questions to Rylander.

Rylander said there were amounts he couldn't provide because he "can't give any numbers until this year (season) is over." He gave last year's numbers and the cost per player to run the teams. All numbers mentioned are "ball park"figures (rounded off) — still **no exact** numbers.

There are 11 teams on a document provided by Rylander (see chart A), the total cost came to $112, 330, and he said it should be the same this year. The total price would be minus $40,000 for the cancelled hockey program.

Rylander said it costs "around" $3,000 to pay for "kids" refereeing intramural games. Rental of "facilities" and the Welland Arena is about $10,000. It takes about $23,000 to pay salaries for coaches, therapists, and assistant coaches. **No exact** numbers yet.

Rylander said $5,000 was set aside last year for scholarships this year. So far nine athletic scholarships have been awarded, at $400 each. Scholarships of $200 are given out first based on a choice made by the coach, and only the "major" varsity sports receive them.

The second $200 is based on the academic standings of the recipient; should the recipient not meet the academic standards, the coach can give the scholarship to someone else or keep it for next year.

Out of the nine scholarships, one was given to a student no longer part of the team by the end of the season. This scholarship turned out to be only $200, instead of $400.

These all bring the amount of scholarships given out to $3,400 from the $5,000 put aside last year — so far these are the only exact numbers gathered.

Rylander has a writing pad in which he keeps this year's information on expenses. When questioned about it he said, "I can't give you this information until someone tells me to."

A request to obtain budgetary figures and documents was filed under the provincial Freedom of Information Act with Niagara College's information officer, on Feb. 16. After the request was received, Boettcher said there was no need for it, since Chiki had the required information and "would provide it."

"I have no problem with the freedom of information request," she added.

When contacted, Chiki provided a previously given list of items (which only says what certain things the money is used for), a list of cost per player to run a team (also previously released and with information from last year) and a list with numbers (see chart B) which explains amounts and where they were spent.

Chiki said the numbers provided are all approximate. She said she provided broad numbers because she thought that was being asked for.

She said only the auditor can get any kind of specific numbers, and there isn't one person alone who controls the flow of the athletic budget.

"Could you imagine if only one person knew where the money is?" she said. "You ask any accountant, it is best if more than one person knows (the flow of money)."

Chiki explained benefits (see chart B) are things "the government says we (the college) have to pay" employees. Things such as Canadian Pension Plan, Unemployment Insurance premiums, health tax and health benefits.

Rylander said the $1,800 expense on the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Annual General meeting (see chart B) includes four nights in Ottawa and meals. The trip is made by Rylander, Sarkis and Fred Bassi.

In following past practice, players have to share a $65-a-night room, and receive $20 for a full day of meals. Should the same format be followed, it would cost $760.

LaRose said the total budget for athletics was $324,749 and Rylander's numbers (see chart B) add up to $299,300. That would leave $25,449 unallocated.

Rylander said "any residual funds are allocated to an athletic trust fund," which is to be used for any other unspecified expenses.

The trust fund would consist of the mentioned $25,449. It would appear the $40,000 from the cancelled hockey team did nothing to decrease expenses.

Chiki said the current review will have an impact in the college and will bring about some sort of changes in the future.

Chart A

The following monies were spent in 1994/95 on the eleven (11) varsity sport programs.

PROGRAM	TOTAL COST	NO.OF PLAYERS	COST PER PLAYER
HOCKEY	$40,000.	25	$1600.
MEN'S B.B.	$15,100.	15	$1006.
WOMEN'S	$12,800.	14	$ 914.
MEN'S V.B.	$15,900.	14	$1135.
WOMEN'S V.B.	$ 8,500	12	$ 710.
GOLF	$ 2,730	5	$ 546.
T.FOOTBALL	$ 2,070	16	$ 129.
M.SOCCER	$ 3,000	16	$ 187.
W.SOCCER	$ 2,660	16	$ 166.
BADMINTON	$ 5,530	9	$ 595.
CURLING	$ 4,220	10	$ 422.
TOTAL	$112,330	152	$ 739.

Note: Coaches salaries not incl.

In 1995/96 we put aside $5000. for scholarships and about $25000. for the new campus because we dropped hockey.

Chart B

Account	Amount and Explanation
Salaries	170,000 (includes athletic instruction, athletic technician, special instruction - judo, aerobics, referees, game scorers, coaches and assistant coaches: curling, badminton, golf, women's volleyball, men's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, indoor soccer, managers, trainers, minor officials, equipment handlers - equates to 150÷ persons -
Benefits	28,300
Travel	1,800 (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association - Annual General Meeting)
Equipment Maintenance	2,700
Duplicating	500 (posters, fivers, promotions, etc.)
Tournament Fees	8,000 (entry fees for all sports)
Special Events	6,000 (annual athletic banquet)
Transportation	30,000 (bus/van rental for all teams)
Supplies	30,000 (equipment for recreational, varsity, leisure and intramural sports)
Premise Rentals	17,000 (space rental for off-campus athletic recreational activities)
Scholarships	5,000
Furniture and Equipment	5,000
*any residual funds are allocated to an athletic trust fund	this fund is used for any major equipment repairs, refinishing the gymnasium floor, electronic score board, new equipment for the North Campus, provision for athletics and recreation for off-campus students, etc.

After Hours to host banquet

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

The Athletic Department and the Student Administrative Council are sponsoring the 27th Annual Banquet and Awards Evening on Tuesday, March 26.

The banquet is being held at After Hours, the student centre at the Welland campus. The evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

There will be close to 120 varsity athletes and coaches attending from the men's and women's basketball team, men's and women's volleyball team, men's and women's indoor soccer team, badminton, curling, golf and touch football.

There will be awards for each team's most valuable player, Niagara College letter awards, coach of the year award, freshman athletes of the year and two awards given for athlete of the year.

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SPORTS

CAAWS spells education in women's sports

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Women in sports now have an ally to help them through the turmoil of everyday sports life.

The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sports and Physical Activity (CAAWS) is here in Canada to help all women in any way possible when it pertains to sports.

CAAWS is an institution which has other affiliates, like the Active Living For All association (ALFA) in Hamilton.

Debbie Marinoff said CAAWS publish publications which speak of the importance of women in sports, they help set up conferences such as **Perspectives on Women's Leadership**, and help contact guest speakers for conferences.

CAAWS has publications such as *Self-Esteem, Sports and Physical Activity*, and *Towards Gender Equity for Women in Sport*. It also published a package called Women in Sport, which points out the DOs and DON'Ts of media reporting when it comes to female sports.

Marinoff is the Manager Recreation Services for the Deparment of Athletics and Recreation at McMaster University, in Hamilton. She is also one of the co-founders of ALFA.

She said the group is a separate entity from CAAWS and the university.

Marinoff said it was founded in 1993 when the World University Games were taking place in Buffalo, N.Y. "The World University Games are the second biggest multi-event after the Olympics," she said.

She said at the time Therese Quigley, from Hamilton, was trying to bring soccer to the event. Soccer was not part of the games, and Marinoff said it is one of the most popular sports for women in the world.

Quigley, Marinoff, and Marie Verdun chaired a group which brought the University games to the city of Hamilton — with the help of the provincial government, through the Ministry of Culture and Heritage.

She said they got a grant from the government and the whole event was a big success with fans, which translated into revenue from the gate.

Marinoff said with the money left, after all the expenses were taken care of, they formed ALFA and were able to get newsletters and other necessities.

"It's all volunteers' time and there's no pay involved," she said.

The group meets once a month to plan activities and discuss topics of interest. There are 10 women from McMaster University and Mohawk College, a Public Health worker, a couple who works at City Hall, and some teachers.

Debbie Marinoff
Chair of ALFA

She said men are generally active and women have not always been encouraged. The group is mainly for women, but males are welcomed. It only depends in the activity they may be running.

"Characteristics you find in society can be found in sports," Marinoff said, "communication is enhanced when part of a team, leadership and being fit are enhanced by sports activities."

Right now, ALFA is running a baseball clinic for women only. She said a group of female baseball players is teaching women the basics of baseball. Males weren't invited because sometimes it's hard for a woman to compete in front of her male counterparts.

"We try to bring professional athletes, role models the women can identify with," she said, "to participate is to be part of it, being part of fitness and being active for the love of it."

Marinoff said women have a hard time playing sports with the promise of playing pros, because there are no such leagues in Canada. In Europe there are many female pro-leagues and women can actually make a career out of it.

She said there's a McMaster graduate playing basketball in Europe and is making about $60,000 a year. "Why not here in Canada?"

"It's hard to be the first to do anything. I'm sure there are some women who could play in the NHL or the NBA, but there isn't enough encouragement," she said.

"You have to encourage boys and girls interested in sports and activities when they are young. They have to be tought to do things they can always do," she added.

Marinoff said women's lives become packed when older, since they have to juggle a job, kids, family and the household. "They just don't have time for any activities."

The media doesn't always help she said, the media will tell you the public just wants to read about professional teams, "I don't know if I believe that," she added.

Marinoff said encouragement is very important and that is what ALFA is trying to do with the help of CAAWS.

NHL executive visits Niagara

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

A top official of the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres will visit Niagara College next week.

The man in charge of making the Buffalo team look good and run smoothly will be at the college's Welland campus on Tuesday, March 26.

Jeff Eisenberg, vice-president of sales and marketing for the Sabres, will be the featured speaker at a seminar at the Simcoe building in Room 309.

Starting at 2:25 p.m., admittance to the seminar is free, but tickets must be picked up in advance in Room 111 by asking for Vera, the office secretary.

Eisenberg is a graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He received a bachelor of science in economics and a masters of science in sport management from the University of Massachusetts.

He joined the Sabres in 1995 and is responsible for all aspects of suite and premiun seats, season tickets, group sales, and individual ticket sales.

Eisenberg spent 12 years with Major League Baseball's Milwaukee Brewers and the Philadelphia Phillies.

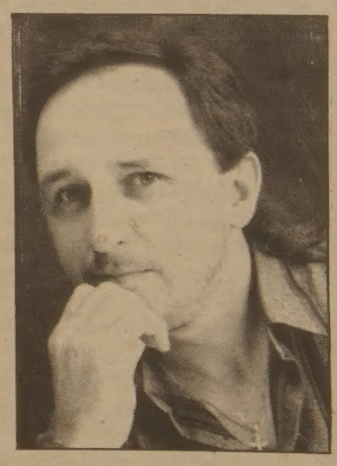
At the seminar, Eisenberg will be discussing topics such as the product, branding and image, promoting and selling the product, the economics of professional sports, and how to get into the industry.

The seminar is being organized by Jeff Young, Jason Leonard and Jason Allen, three students in the third year of the Marketing program.

Young said Eisenberg is doing the seminar out of his own time and he's charging no fee.

"We just called the Sabres, hooked up with him and the rest is history like they say," said Young, adding the seminar is put together as part of his marketing class and this is just one in a series of seminars taking place throughout the year.

Leaf fans look to the future



By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Well, here we go again.

For the "true blue" Toronto Maple Leaf hockey fan, phrases like "aging team," and "fired coach" ring all too familiar.

Most don't have a clue what "true blue" even means.

The on-again, off-again bandwagon jumpers, have been given a second lease of loyalty towards the white and blue with the firing of Leaf coach Pat Burns.

But a true blue fan is just that. No matter how talented, how great, how tough, how stinkin' lousy, a true Leaf fan doesn't jump ship.

Cliff Fletcher, Toronto's general manager (GM), is one of the most respected GMs and feared traders in the game today.

He's surrounded himself with competent, sound hockey people and with the support of ownership, Fletcher has wheeled and dealed the organization to respectability once more.

There's no doubt, this Leaf team has the talent to "reek havoc" as Fletcher said during a recent press conference. But, their inability to pick up a defenceman, will hurt them in the playoffs.

The Clark trade should have been made 10 days earlier. It might have saved Pat Burns' job, as well as, saved the Leafs some serious confidence loss.

I think Mathieu Schneider will have a few of the sport critics eating crow when it's all said and done. I don't believe Kenny Jonsson will ever be as good, offensively or defensively.

As for fan favorite, Ken Baumgartner, he's history. Unfortunately, you can only have so many tough guys on one team.

The lack of any major deals at the trade deadline on Wednesday leads me to believe, too many teams were asking too much and offering too little.

Fear not. True blue fans, will be sitting where they sat during the good old Harold Ballard days — a long shot to win the Stanley Cup.

My heart says a Toronto-New Jersey final.

Realistically, Detroit-Pittsburgh.

We'll see.

Diligence equals Power

By JOHN ROUSSEL
Staff writer

Francine Power is a health care worker, direct distributor for Amway and Intra, a sales professional for Alarm Brokers, and this summer will begin her first season as a Sea-doo racer.

The Niagara College graduate received her Fashion Arts program diploma in 1991. During her time at the college she was involved with the Ontario Fashion Exhibition.

"The course meets the requirements to work in the fashion field," said Power.

After leaving college she started her own business in sales. But the business was too small, didn't "produce" and wasn't recognized by any banks.

"The opportunities are out there. You just have to find them," said Powers.

Powers, a Vineland resident, went back to school and took a health care aid worker course offered by Niagara College at Mount Carmel in Niagara Falls. The four-month course was "direct and in depth," said Power.

Francine Power

She has been working at Bethesda Homes Inc. with special needs individuals in Vineland. She works in the behavior unit, mostly with males between the ages of 20 to 50.

"It's an excellent field," said Powers. She feels it is "fully rewarding."

To increase her income she has become involved with direct distributing. It is an "interesting business idea" and is the future of business. She has been a distributor for Amway for the past year and a half and for Intra (a health drink, food supplements and vitamins company) for the past six months.

Power also is involved with sales for Alarm Brokers which installs commercial and residential alarms.

Power also does advertising for a competitive and recreational volleyball league. The league is sponsored by the Village Restaurant in Chippawa.

Power is a Sea-doo owner and has gained sponsorship from James Tune-up, a garage in Thorold. This happened by "accident."

She will begin her first season this summer. The possibilities seem endless for such a hard working individual.

What does the future hold for this diligent college graduate?

Police work challenging

By PATTY MALLAIS
Staff Writer

Lights and sirens, good guys and bad guys, cops and robbers, a few things associated with police work and related fields.

Gino Arcaro, a professor with Niagara College's Law and Security Administration program, says he feels there are some "common misconceptions" about police work and the LASA program.

Arcaro, a 15-year veteran of the Niagara Regional Police Services, says many of these misconceptions come from the glamor of television and movies. "Get in the car and catch bad guys" is what most people see, not the academics required on a consistent basis, says Arcaro.

In Ontario, police recruits are required to undergo 15 weeks of intense academic and procedural training. There are thousands of laws to be learned and a structured learning outcome is needed where one thing leads to another, says Arcaro.

He says he has heard the LASA program referred to as "chalk and talk" and says he believes some people may think this program is easy.

"This program is academically as challenging as anything on campus" and "I thinks it's very offensive for students to have this stigma attached, that their academic work here is easy."

Another misconception about police work is that some "cops" are on "power-trips," he says.

A few may seek this program for the wrong reasons, but if an officer does something intentionally wrong, not only can he/she lose their job but can also be subject to criminal charges, he says.

"Cops represent the moral conscience of society," says Arcaro, adding victims of crimes don't refer to police as "power-trippers."

Lock-out thieves

Protect your permit

By MILAN DURCO
Staff Writer

Leaving your car unlocked could mean one less parking permit and someone else is using it.

This year about 106 stolen permits have been reported and 42 forged parking permits have been detected.

Due to an increasing number of forged and stolen parking permits, a co-operative effort has been made to address these violations and was initiated involving Niagara Regional Police and Niagara College, parking, ancillary services and security, human services.

"Stolen parking permits were detected in September as well as forged permits," said Sandy Fox, manager of ancillary services.

Rick Demers, manager of health, safety and security, said the issue was addressed in the beginning of December.

If caught a person can expect to have to pay the full installment of the parking fee or be charged, said Fox.

"Their transcripts will be encumbered until outstanding parking fees are remitted to the college," said Fox.

"About $3,300 worth of parking permits had been stolen," said Fox, "in the semester," said Demers.

Fox said, in some cases cars were vandalized, which made victims very angry.

Spring has sprung

By LEAH LAPRISE
Staff Writer

Spring has sprung at Niagara College's Horticulture Centre in the 28th annual open house.

Students have been preparing through fall and winter months for the annual event, held each spring.

In preparation, students have been growing thousands of bed plants to be offered for sale to the gardening public.

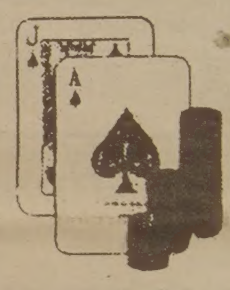
The open house is a two-day event organized by staff and students. It features tours of the centre and various displays. Visitors can also watch students in action as they go about their daily activities.

Each year the open house attracts thousands of Niagara Region residents.

"Everyone is welcome," says Tom Ball, co-ordinator of the Horticulture Technician program. "Please come down and share this with us."

This year's open house is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niagara College Horticulural Centre, 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, contact the Horticulture Centre at (905)-684-4315, ext. 2460.



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CULTURE

How much is your safety worth?

By STEPHANIE TURTON
Staff Writer

If you are not afraid of death, not upset if you live on little or no sleep, not concerned with where your next meal is coming from and are interested in day after day of endless exercise, Gil White's *Europe on 84 cents a day* is for you.

The cover of the 423-page paperback, which White published in 1995, boasts it is "the most creative and adventurous travel book ever" and says it can show a novice and experienced traveller how to save hundreds or thousands of dollars.

People following advice given in the book need to be "outgoing, willing to meet people and try different things, and experimental," says White in a recent phone interview.

"Travelling is something young people should do before they start a career," he says.

White, an international speaker, tells students how "being creative and adventurous" could save them money and help them "learn about cultures."

Normally I would agree with someone who says travelling teaches understanding, appreciation and respect for the vast cultural differences which exist throughout the world, but coming from White, 39, of St. Ann's, Ont., I would have to disagree.

The money-saving methods White describes in his book, previously published by Bestsellers in 1981, are based on theories he's made according to his personal experiences.

He says his ways of "getting free or cheap accommodation, food and transport are fun, creative and legal," that is if you enjoy hitchhiking, approaching strangers and sleeping God knows where.

Although White says his "book does not advocate free-loading, mooching, stealing, altering or forging train passes," it appears to me he does condone a disregard for authority and a dangerous way of travelling.

Throughout the book White recommends hitchhiking as an inexpensive way of travel.

"The main goal of hitchhiking is to save you transportation dollars and to get you to your planned destination," says White, who believes 1977 was a "vintage year for hitchhiking."

White believes by using "common sense" you will have a safe journey.

Wouldn't common sense tell you not to hitchhike?

According to White, hitchhiking "by yourself" is an advantage.

"Hitchhiking is dangerous whether you are alone or with someone," says a staff member at the Niagara Regional Youth Home, at 255 Prince Charles Dr., Welland.

"There might be places in Europe and Asia that are safer," says the staff member, adding, "Hitchhiking is a dangerous habit. . ." and will get "you dead faster."

White does recognize the need for women to be especially cautious and recommends that they "choose their rides with care."

"If females use 10 per cent of the ideas in the book, they will have more fun."

White states in the book, "You don't have to risk sacrificing your integrity or tarnishing your country's image to travel the ultra cheap (route). . ."

However, some of the incidents he shares with his readers show his disregard and disrespect for authority.

He admits lying to border officials in order to get into the U.S., and sleeping on the beach in Florida for several nights before being caught and thrown in jail.

If you don't mind inconsistencies in grammar and punctuation, this book could give you approximate currency exchange rates, information regarding passports and visas for Canadian and U.S. citizens, recommended cycling routes, car rental companies around the world and basic phrases in 20 languages.

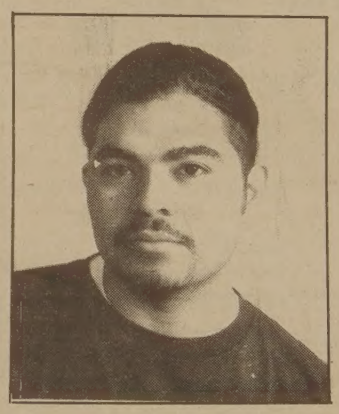
White says he's spoken at Brock University in St. Catharines seven times and at London's University of Western Ontario 10 times.

Since they have asked him back repeatedly, White says they must "feel what I have to say is worth while."

He has also lectured at universities and colleges in England, South Africa, Australia and the U.S.

"If you want great experiences you have to use your imagination," says White.

Talent ignored for Oscar nominations



By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

A show known for its politics, did its best to nominate those who were expected to be; in the same breath, it failed to recognize those who deserved it.

Of course, let's not forget the annual — I don't know why they are there — nominations.

One could sit and criticize the list of 40 or more nominations, but there are only a few which are necessary to show how much the Oscar's system needs to be revamped.

There were many films to pick from, but when the smoke cleared *Babe* (who knows why!) walked away with nine nominations — including best picture, supporting actor and director.

Walt Disney's *Toy Story* picked up nominations for best song and screenplay. I guess these are the only two things *Babe* couldn't pick up, besides the best actor nod — even though I suppose you could give it to the kid who did Babe's voice (that's assuming it was a kid).

Tom Hanks will not be back for a third straight Oscar, since the Academy must have thought piloting a faulty rocket ship is peanuts compared to being an AIDS victim or an idiot who conquers America.

In the same breath, *Apollo 13* got the nod for best picture, but **Ron Howard** got the cold shoulder for the best director nomination. Uh, Houston — we've got a big problem here.

Then there are movies like *Leaving Las Vegas*, which got best director nomination for **Mike Figgis**, best actor for **Nicholas Cage** and best actress for **Elisabeth Shue**, but no best picture mention at all.

Nixon, a great three-hour-long epic, picked up the best supporting actress nomination for **Joan Allen** as Nixon's wife and best actor for **Sir Anthony Hopkins** as Nixon. That was it though, the movie and the actors must have directed themselves, since the only recognition director **Oliver Stone** stands to get is for best screenplay.

Time for the "feel good" nomination. This year it goes to the late **Massimo Troisi**, who died 12 hours after the film *The Postman* was completed.

It comes as no surprise that the aging members of the academy failed to pay any due respects to films such as *Heat* and *Casino*. It could be that the academy saw the performances of **Al Pacino**, **Robert DeNiro**, and **Joe Pesci** as something they should always be — great.

Adapted screenplay should go to *Leaving Las Vegas*, as well as best actor and actress awards.

An original screenplay award may be the only thing **Emma Thompson** will take home.

Mel Gibson should have no problem taking home the gold for best director and best picture, with **Howard** and *Sense and Sensebility*'s director **Ang Lee** out of contention.

The only awards up for grabs are the best supporting actress which will go to either *Nixon*'s **Allen**, or *Mighty Aphrodite*'s (from Woody Allen) **Mare Winningham**.

Bruce Springsteen was nominated for his song "*Dead Man Walking*," but will get a run for his money from **Bryan Adam**'s "*Have You Ever Really Loved a Woman*," and Pocahontas' "*Colors of the Wind*."

Brad Pitt is probably the only shoe-in for best supporting actor, but then again I have seen stranger things on Oscar night.

Remember **Walter Landau** and **Jack Palance**; you never really know.

Job Shift informs job seekers

By SUSAN DERUITER
Staff Writer

Finding and keeping a job is on everyone's mind these days. Yet, according to William Brigges, author of *Job Shift - How to prosper in a workplace without jobs*, "'job'. . . as we know it is a disappearing thing."

Full-time regular jobs were designed to get physical work done, says Brigges, but in an information age, that is no longer a very functional way to get things done. Brigges argues that we need to look at the world as markets, identify a market need and see how we can meet it.

Therefore, whether writing your resume or preparing for an interview, you should address how your particular skills and education can meet the needs of your potential employer. You are selling yourself.

Your resume presentation may tell as much about you as your actual resume. It should be grammatically correct with no spelling mistakes and it should be simple. Find out about the company to which you are applying and obtain the name of the person to whom your letter should be addressed. Emphasize how your particular skills can meet the needs of the company and play down less relevant attributes.

"Get very well informed and know the changes in your marketplace," says Janis Foord-Kirk, Toronto Star columnist, "then you can manoeuver successfully through these chaotic times."

"Know yourself and what you do well," agreed David Lawson, McMaster University career counsellor, who appeared with Foord-Kirk on a recent CBC News program.

If your resume gets you through to the interview process, there is still a lot for you to prepare.

"Success is achieved before the interview rather than during the interview," said Lawson. Anticipate questions, develop your responses, and rehearse your presentation. Listen to questions carefully and answer what is asked. You have the opportunity during the interview to convince your prospective employer that you are just the person to meet their needs. You can also prepare questions for the interviewer about your future with the company.

Education and attitude are important aspects in obtaining a job. "People skills matter more than ever," says Daniel Goldman, New York Times writer. Establishing the idea of 'emotional intelligence,' Goldman emphasizes the need for social skills to manage your emotions well, to stay positive and motivated and to know how to handle others empathetically.

"At any time of dramatic change there are as many opportunities as there are threats," stated Foord-Kirk. "There is work out there." It is the individual's relationship with work that is changing. There are fewer and fewer jobs, as we know them, says Foord-Kirk, but that doesn't mean there won't be a lot of work it just won't be packaged in a full-time job.

CULTURE

Enjoyable trip with Passengers

By SALVADOR RAMOS Jr.
Staff Writer

Relax, sit back, and get ready for the ride of the year (if not your life) courtesy of Passengers.

U2's latest treat comes via Island Records Canada, and is disguised as Brian Eno's new album. From the Edge and Bono to Larry Mullen Jr. and Adam Clayton, this is one more U2 CD, produced by Brian Eno.

The album is called **Original Soundtracks I**, since each song is supposedly based on films which come from England, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Germany and the USA. Make no mistake: each film is not real.

On the CD's sleeve you will find surreal images and a specific summary of each film. This should help make the trip more enjoyable and understandable.

Songs such as *United Colors*, *Always Forever Now*, *One Minute Warning*, and *Plot 180* are filled with a fast techno-industrial beat that gives a sense of action and adventure. They allow the imagination to run wild.

The Edge is incredibly hypnotic with both guitar and vocals in *Corpse (These Chains are Way too Long)*.

Each song has a unique touch and can stand on its own.

If nothing else though, pay close attention to the trio of songs *A Different Kind of Blue*, *Beach Sequence* and *Miss Sarajevo*.

It begins with a low-hypnotic humming in the first song, with Eno taking the vocals with a slow narration, and finishes by saying, "The twilight is breaking through, it's a different kind of blue."

This is followed by the second song, which has Bono playing the piano sharply but softly at the same time. The background sounds are ever so peaceful.

Beach Sequence becomes a perfect introduction to *Miss Sarajevo*, easily one of the best songs on the album.

The sound of what appears to be rain leads into a slow melody, complemented by Bono's cool, soft voice. The song continues steadily until it's graced by the special appearance of guest Luciano Pavarotti. His tenor voice can only add to the mood already created by the song.

Original Soundtracks I is not bad in itself, but one can't help notice the difference Bono makes in the final product.

Self's release

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Self's CD **subliminal plastic motives** reminds me of a teenage boy sitting in his basement ranting about life, death, war and Lisa Marie Presley.

Self is actually a one man show named Matt Mahaffey. This Beck wannabe can't decide between his musical direction in pop, grunge or funk so he dabbles in all of them.

Subliminal plastic motives, released by BMG Music Canada, encases a sense of smallness in a big world. Mahaffey sings as if he is having a conversation with you and is looking for feedback on his ideas.

The CD's first cut *borateen* is pure confusion which is carried over into the second track *sophomore jinx* which sounds like a crazy answering machine message. The rest of the CD eases into fluffy pop songs, my personal favorites being *stewardess* and *marathon shirt*. And the disc wouldn't be complete without the typical boy-tries-to-understand-girl tune *lucid anne* and the I-wish-I-were-dead tune *so low*.

Mahaffey may be a little too self-absorbed because he sings the word "I" more than 107 times during the 12-song compilation.

Although every song is polished mumble jumble, Self contains some great ideas that just need fine tuning, and Mahaffey does have the benefit of a pleasing voice to back it up.

Hill's music grows with age

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

A Man's Home Is His Castle, but she's the queen of this one.

Faith Hill's second album, **It Matters To Me**, is a quiet declaration of independence.

She breaks out of her shell and claims her life as her own in *Someone Else's Dreams*, refuses to fall for a line in *Bed Of Roses* and refuses to give any longer without getting something in return in *I Can't Do That Anymore*.

The title track *It Matters To Me* is a heart-wrenching ballad about communication breakdown tearing a relationship apart, and *A Man's Home Is His Castle* is a woman's painful account of an abusive husband.

Her songs aren't all full of tears and haughtiness — she rides a wave of spontaneity to "bet on love and let it ride," in *Let's Go To Vegas*.

Hill's voice is suited to make almost any song good, as she displays in her fun gospel duet with Shelly Lynne *Keep Walkin On*. However, the cocky lyrics that "a woman in love, she's above the law," in *You Will Be Mine* doesn't suit the style of Hill's sweet innocence.

Her debut album, **Take Me As I Am**, was a platinum success with three #1 hit singles. If Hill's second album is any indication of things, the 28-year-old country star is getting better with age.

Lennox lets loose

By LAURY REID
Staff Writer

Lock the doors, pull the shades, take the phone off the hook and get ready to kick back and chill Annie Lennox style.

Medusa is filled with soul-soothing tunes that complement Lennox's mellow voice and character, with the exception of *I Can't Get Next To You*, which gives a hitch to the consistent rhythm of the rest of the album.

Lennox's choice of remakes, including Paul Simon's *Something So Right* and Neil Young's *Don't Let It Bring You Down* succeed in casting a shadow of familiarity over the listener while she peppers each song with a style of her own.

The **Medusa** CD comes with a special nine-track bonus CD, **Live In Central Park**.

The September 1995 concert featured Lennox and Eurythmics classics like *Here Comes The Rain Again*, *Who's That Girl*, and *Walking on Broken Glass*.

With each individual note in *Little Bird*, it's not hard to see why Lennox has remained one of the greats on the radio waves for so long.

Live in Central Park is one of only a handful of concerts Lennox has performed as a solo artist.

La Bouche is on fire with new disc

By JASON CHASE
Staff Writer

La Bouche has arrived.

After two successive gold hits in Germany, the R&B, hip-hop male-female duo of Melanie Thorton and Lane McCray have fueled the fire for the North American debut of their CD *Sweet Dreams*.

Reaching number one on the charts in seven different countries in Europe, La Bouche has sparked the interest of new fans here in Canada and the home of La Bouche, the United States.

Tracks like *Sweet Dreams*, *Be my Lover* and *Fallin' in Love* have caught on in dance clubs and have taken the charts by storm.

The CD keeps gaining new fans each day with its great singles. The music is a new twist to a dance scene overrun by the same old bass-pounding sounds. La Bouche has caught a new way to turn on fans to the great world of dance through excellent vocals from Thorton and great lyrics from McCray.

The CD, released through BMG Canada, is an excellent piece of musical talent and could draw interest at next year's Grammy Awards.

Sweet Dreams is a four star wonder on a scale of five.

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Juno Award winner speaks of native issues

By LYN DUNLAP
Staff Writer

Lawrence Martin, Niagara College's native role model, spent Tuesday at the Welland campus on March 19.

Martin attained this title through the Aboriginal Education Management Circle and Wendy Johnson-Martin, manager of Aboriginal Education Access Office. They designated him to be the college's native role model.

"It's an honor to have the recognition, to share my experiences and knowledge in certain areas," said Martin.

"I see it as an opportunity for everybody to learn, not just our own people but non-natives as well."

Martin is a Juno Award winner for performing and songwriting. He has two album releases. The first one is **Wapistan**, and the other is **Message**.

Both mainly deal with native issues; however, he doesn't just sing about the problems and conflicts which exist between aboriginals and non-aboriginals but that of solutions and positive aspects.

One of his political achievements was to be elected the first aboriginal mayor in a non-native community, Sioux Lookout, Ont. He was mayor for three years.

He also produces other musicians through Wawatay Native Communications. Recently, he began working in public relations and policing.

'Everyone learns from someone'

While he was on campus, Martin did a radio interview on the college radio as well as a television interview. He also performed at the After Hours pub during the Student Administrative Council hours.

One of the reasons he performs is to "share the stories of our people and have that acknowledged in the mainstream media."

Martin said he hopes telling his experiences will help someone benefit from it.

"Everyone learns from someone. I'm still learning from elders and at the same time I am teaching others. The teaching I do is not just for natives, but some of our people have lost the culture aspect and are trying to regain some of their identity."

On his albums Martin sings and chants in his own language, and says this is because preserving the language is really important.

Another reason is "for the rest of the world to look at things through different eyes."

"I think it's great that we're going to have him here," said Tareen Shkuratoff, a first-year student in the Legal Assistant program. "Regarding the culture aspect, I also think the day will make more students award of our culture. He's a great performer."

Shkuratoff is the non-official member of the Student Administrative Council, representing the Aboriginal Student Council.

"I don't know that much about it, but I would like to hear him speak and learn more of what he's about," said Shirley Joshua, a first-year student enroled in the Social Worker program, shortly before his performance.

Joshua said it isn't just beneficial to native students, but to make everyone aware of the different cultures at the college.

Gill Stup, another first-year student in the Social Worker program, earlier said she hoped to attend the performance. "It will help give insight to those who aren't aware or that knowledgeable on other cultures."

Butterfly attraction coming

By RON CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Always thinking and planning for the future the Niagara Parks Commission is working on yet another attraction to complement the existing natural wonders of the area.

The $15-million Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory is scheduled to open this fall just north of the Falls, on the grounds of the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture and Botanical Gardens.

This site was chosen to draw visitors toward other venues along the Parkway, such as the Floral Clock, the Lilac and Botanical Gardens, the School of Horticulture, the Niagara Glen Nature Area and the Whirlpool Public Golf Course.

The conservatory will give tourists, students and local nature enthusiasts a chance to experience the beauty of some 2,000 live, free-floating butterflies, in a tropical forest-like-setting.

Curator of the conservatory Mel Dell, a Niagara Falls native, is one of Canada's foremost authorities on butterflies. He contacted lepidopterists (those who study butterflies) from around the world to bring tropical butterflies to the year-round attraction.

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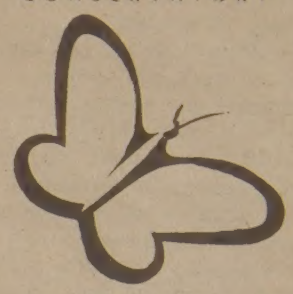

The conservatory will be accessible by car, motor coach and the Parkway's People Mover service. The Commission is also enlarging a parking lot in front of the School of Horticulture to handle the projected 500,000 visitors during the first year.

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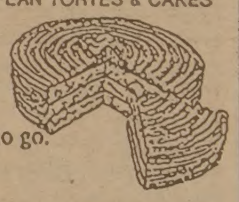

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Continuing Ed. Most Popular Program

By TERESA ARMSTRONG
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Continuing Education (C.E.) program is the largest single educator in the Niagara Region with 18,000 annual registrations.

In a presentation to the Niagara College Board of Governors on Feb. 22, Foster Zanutto, the director of C.E., gave a report on the background, structure, and future of C.E. at the college.

Zanutto told the board C.E.'s mission is to provide comprehensive educational opportunities for adults and to improve the quality of their life. He said C.E. does this through constantly providing innovative courses and programs for the college, as well as continuously improving the efficiency and effectiveness of C.E. services.

C.E. is a division of Community and Learner Services, which employs 1,500 part-time teachers, eight support staff, and six development officers.

Financially, C.E.'s gross revenue for 1995-1996 was $3,941,811 and had a $1,607,583 profit margin. It also contributes $62,000 annually to the Alumni Association, and $80,000 to the college's parking facilities.

C.E. has also had to change with the times and so now offers a varied delivery of courses. It offers 105 certificate programs, evening and weekend college, and contract training (teachers sent to train a company's employees).

The C.E. staff is now working on distance education and on-line courses for September, allowing students with the right computer equipment to learn from home.

Zanutto told the board the most popular courses in 1995 were Windows, DOS, Spanish, English, Psychology, Coaching, and Motorcycling. C.E. also has plans for courses in Casino Training, Slot Machine Technician, Business Ventures, Computers for Nurses, Private Pilot Ground School, Art Therapy, Firefighting Pre-Training, and Paralegal Certificate.

C.E. does face competition from private trainers. Zanutto told the board "Private training is not big right now, but is up and coming." He said an example of this is the new Bank of Montreal private university.

The future of C.E. is focused on self-sufficiency. Zanutto told the board C.E. is still funded by government grants but hopes to work toward self-sufficiency while government grants are still available.

Dental Dreams

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

Hopes of finding a dental assistant's job in a dental firm is Lesley Kaufman's goal.

Kaufman, 19, is a Niagara College first-year Dental Assistant program student.

She said she became interested in the program through high school co-op programs at various dental firms.

Kaufman said she likes attending pub night but dislikes her long class days.

Kaufman has been volunteering time, for two years, at Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital in the emergency department.

In Kitchener, Kaufman plays volleyball on an international team.

Her favorite sport to watch on television is hockey. Her favorite team is the Toronto Maple Leafs. Her favorite television shows are ER and Melrose Place. Her favorite actor is Harrison Ford.

In music she enjoys dance and dislikes rap and country.

Her favorite kind of books are murder/mystery.

She said her hidden talent is playing the saxophone. Her hobbies include drawing and talking on the phone.

Opportunities in International Trade

By RON WOLF
Staff Writer

Thinking about a career in international trade?

Look no further than Welland's Niagara College.

Niagara Region is a "dynamic" location for the International Trade program, says Rene Lazarz, 32, co-ordinator, International Trade School of Business and Enterpreneurship at Niagara.

Lazarz worked as a diplomat for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa and the Canadian Consulate in Buffalo before teaching at the college.

Lazarz says she had her share of responsibilities at the Canadian Consulate, which included monitoring foreign policies between Canada and United States, advising companies on international import and export laws and regulations.

"Our territory in Buffalo covered upstate New York, Western Pennsylvania, and the western part of West Virginia.

"I had other colleagues and we all had separate areas of responsibilities so our work didn't overlap very much. We got involved in export education which led me here."

Lazarz says she started teaching full time at the college in January 1995.

"Dave Taylor (then co-ordinator for the Marketing Management program) started to do research in 1990 for the program (International Trade). He became co-ordinator for the program in 1992 when it first started," she says.

Taylor is director of the Hospitality and Tourism program in Niagara Falls, Ont.

"It (the International Trade program) is very necessary for this area specifically almost anywhere else in Canada because the Niagara Region trades with Canada through the most dynamic border points (Peace Bridge, Queenston Bridge and Whirlpool Bridge) in terms of the value of goods going over," says Lazarz.

The International Trade program starts in September and is offered only at the Welland campus.

The course is offered as a post-diploma in Advanced Studies and is taught in three terms with an eight-month work term.

International Trade offers career opportunities in international marketing and sales, international finance administration, import/export management and culture relations to mention a few, says a Business and Entrepreneurship program college phamplet.

Students from Peru, Venezuela, Romania, Poland and Nicaragua are enrolled in the program, says Lazarz, adding the "international mix adds to the flavor of the course because you get different perspectives."

Lazarz says she believes the program is in no danger of being cut or will not suffer any budget cuts because of the provincial government.

Using the Blue Box

By MELISSA REID
Staff Writer

It sits in a corner of your kitchen or out on your porch but do you know what goes in it?

The blue box program to reduce recyclable waste in landfill sites is everywhere.

Identifying acceptable recyclable materials and how to prepare them for the blue box is easy.

Newspapers, magazines, phone books, soft cover books, fine paper, junk mail and catalogues (for example, Sears) are allowed. Place them in bags or bundle with a string.

Clean plastic bags include plastic grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, outer wrapping from toilet tissue and paper towels and pop-case outer wrap. Stuff into a clean plastic bag and tie closed.

Glass food and beverage containers should be rinsed and the labels should be removed.

Metal cans and foil includes TV dinner trays, pie plates, oven roasters and liners and small tart foil. Fold and place in blue box.

Boxboard includes packaging for cereal, crackers, tissue, detergents or shoeboxes. Remove the liners, food, metal or plastic pieces. Flatten each box and place inside a larger box.

High density polyethylene includes small-mouth plastic products such as milk jugs, water jugs, shampoo bottles, vinegar containers and plastic laundry bottles and jugs. You should rinse containers and place them in the blue box.

Corrugated cardboard, such as pizza boxes, should be flattened and bundled into 30-inch by 30-inch sections, eight-inches thick.

Plastic containers, tubs, lids and foam plastics include soft drink containers, juice containers, detergent and bleach bottles, windshield washer containers, motor oil containers, shampoo bottles, foam packaging, clear plastic cups and trays, margarine, yogurt and any wide mouth containers. These containers should have the recycling sign with code number 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rinse and flatten containers and place them in the blue box.

Beverage cartons and drinking boxes include flattened milk and juice cartons. Juice boxes and gable top cartons are acceptable. Place loosely in the blue box but don't mix with boxboard.

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LAST PAGE

Niagara Counselling Services 'reaching out'

By JENNIFER TURNER
Staff Writer

Niagara Counselling Services wants to help Niagara College students.

"I thoroughly enjoy helping people in any way possible and I feel I can better assist students in particular more than they are are being helped by guidance counsellors today," said Jay Stukel, 26, executive director and owner of Niagara Counselling Services, 427 Garrison Rd. in Fort Erie and 1 Hiscott St. in St. Catharines.

"A former elementary teacher and an instructor at Brock University and my background of a probation officer, as well as now a counsellor and executive director of Niagara Counselling Services, I have a thorough background in many different areas."

Niagara Counselling Service specializes in individual, family, employment and career, life skills and education counselling at affordable rates. The average rate is $25 to $35 an hour.

"I know that my rates are the most affordable in the Niagara Region," said Stukel of St. Catharines. "To provide a service to the community. Particularly low-minimum income and students of all ages."

He said working with students is his favorite.

Stukel said he plans to open offices in Niagara Falls and Welland "hopefully in the next year."

"I would like to develop a partnership with Niagara College by accepting students from the Social Service Worker diploma program and child youth worker diploma program to conduct their co-op and practum at my agency," said Stukel and any student who is interested should notify their teachers and have them contact Stukel "directly to arrange an interview at 988-5748."

"The students will learn a better understanding of the true nature of the counselling profession. Like everything, you really don't know what something is truly about until you experience it first hand," said Stukel, who received his B.A. in sociology and his teaching degree focusing on special needs from Brock University, a certificate in Public Administration and his Registered Professional Counsellor Designation from the Counselling Training Institute in Vancouver, B.C.

"The students for the most part (will do) anything from reception to filing, sitting in on some counselling sessions perhaps, doing some counselling on their own, as well as learning some of the background business including administration, advertising, marketing and promotion.

"They will be working on group programs. Helping us to design programs for group therapy through research and other means," said Stukel, a member of several counselling associates including the American Counselling Association and its affiliates, co-ordinator of Educational Services Niagara, owner of an international student newspaper called The International Review, co-owner and editor of the newsletters for Niagara Counselling News, president of the Holy Cross Secondary School Alumni Association and the innovator of Employment Assistant program.

He said he has had two co-op students this past year from Bishop T.J. McCarthy Adult Secondary School in St. Catharines and has had one student from the Child Youth Worker program at Niagara College apply to do her placement at Niagara Counselling Services.

"I have accepted her for September," Stukel said, adding he is willing to accept two or three more Niagara College students.

"People of all ages go to see counsellors on a regular basis for various reasons, not necessarily mental-health problems and usually just for someone to talk to. Someone to listen to them. It's healthy to see a counsellor. More people are respecting it today," said Stukel. "I do understand why people feel (counselling is only for mental reasons) as that is the old approach to counselling. The new approach, found at Niagara Counselling Services, offers a very comfortable, down to earth counselling session."

Stukel and his staff go to people's homes or to the schools to conduct a counselling session or to tutor, decorating the offices to look like "a home away from home to make people feel more comfortable."

Jay Stukel

"I find that the new approach has been successful, as we are taking clients away from other long-established agencies and we are getting more referrals on a regular basis due to our success rate," said Stukel, who "for the most part" does a lot of counselling for self-esteem, depression, mental health, education and criminal offenders. "They (the client) attend on a regular basis. Ten sessions or more and we see progress since they first came in, to the current state they are experiencing. Usually they have higher self-esteem after coming here."

"We have a self-esteem program that is offered on a regular basis in either individual or group sessions. It includes communication skills, self confidence and assertiveness. As well as, of course, raising self-esteem.

"I hope that the Niagara College students feel free to call upon our services at anytime for all their personal needs, like our motto says, 'reaching out to everyone, quality services at affordable rates.'"

For an appointment, call 988-5748 or 871-3081.

M.T. Bellies is loads of 'big food' and loads of fun

By LEAH LAPRISE
Staff Writer

M.T. Bellies is not your regular restaurant. Established in 1991, it is the self-professed home of "big food" and "big fun." But the "big" doesn't stop there.

Upon entering the front doors of the restaurant, at 871 Niagara St. in Welland, patrons are greeted by a giant paper mache guy, dressed for every occasion, including recent Valentine's Day celebrations. The big guy was dressed as Cupid, all in pink, red, and white.

To the right of the man is M.T.'s bar side. The bar takes up almost the entire left wall, and is complete with little cow and pig string lights.

If you feel crunching under your feet as you walk around the bar, don't worry. It's only peanut shells (there's no where else to put them).

Adorning one wall on the bar side is M.T.'s wall of shame and wall of fame, for successful and unsuccessful takers of the Belly Buster Challenge. It's exactly what it sounds like. Challengers must finish a 64-ounce sirloin, a whole garlic loaf, salad, potato, veggies, and desert. Served in a garbage lid, this meal is free if you can finish the whole thing, plus your picture goes on the wall of fame. If you don't eat it, you get the bill, and your picture goes up on the wall of shame.

On the other side of the restaurant, to the big guy's right, and your left, is M.T.'s dining room. If you are a non-smoker, let your host take you to the non-smoking section which has a giant paper mache tree growing out of the centre of it. In the spring, green leaves magically grow from the paper branches, but for now, the branches are bare save for a sprinkling of cotton snow, and some pink string lights.

Smokers have their choice of dining either in a log cabin setting, complete with fireplace, or they can "mow down" in the "moo room."

The moo room, so called by staff, is a separate room off the log cabin, with green rolling hills and roaming cows painted on the walls. Cows of every shape and size graze the green grass around you while you dine under a cloudy blue-painted sky.

The selection at M.T. Bellies, to carry on with their big theme, is, well, big. The menus, which are also the biggest around, and offer such delights as "Tex Mex," "Green Things," "Bigger, Better Burgers," "Pizza Me, Pizza You," and there's even a category called "Ribbit." The menus are almost as much fun to read as the trivia cards provided on the tables. If those don't keep you occupied while you wait for your food, there's the table cloth. Each table is spread with a piece of brown paper, and crayons can be found in a bucket, for doodling, scribbling, or drawing. If your masterpiece is worthy, (and there are no food stains on it) they'll display it for all to see on the bulletin board in the front lobby.

M.T. Bellies also offers "big fun." No trip to M.T.'s would be complete without at least one round of "Happy Birthday" by the staff for one lucky birthday boy or girl. If you happen to be that lucky person, M.T.'s will throw in a free sundae.

During the week M.T.s offers a "quickie" menu, with each delicious selection guaranteed to hit your table in 14 minutes, or it's free. (The Cajun Chicken Pita is highly recommended.) Each entree is just $4.95 and includes the main dish, plus either soup, salad, or garlic bread.

With friendly staff, excellent service, reasonable prices, "big fun," M.T. Bellies won't be a disappointment.

John J. Clark